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Louis Gonzalez Florida Energy Affordability Coalition 9250 West Flagler Street, Suite 6637 Miami, Florida 33174

Dear Louis:

Because of your strong support for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funding in fiscal year 2008, I thought you might be interested to learn of recent events in this regard.

You will be pleased to know on December 19<sup>th</sup>, with my strong support, the Congress gave final approval to the Fiscal Year 2008 Consolidated Omnibus Appropriations Act. This important catch-all spending measure, which has since been signed into law by the President, contains \$2.57 billion for LIHEAP. Of this amount, \$1.98 billion is for regular funds, the same amount appropriated in FY 2007; \$590 million is allocated for contingency funds to deal with fluctuating heating oil prices and severe weather conditions. The regular fund appropriation exceeds the President's FY 2008 budget request by \$480 million and his contingency fund request by \$308 million.

The Department of Health and Human Services has just announced the release of these funds to the states, including \$2,038,508 to the State of Florida. Enclosed, for your information, is a copy of the Department's announcement.

This is a clear example of our efforts in Congress to provide low-income households real relief from a possible heating emergency this winter. As my colleagues and I begin our work on fiscal year 2009 appropriations, you can be sure that I will remain steadfast in my support for LIHEAP funding and will continue to follow up with you on any new developments that occur.

As always, I greatly appreciate knowing of your support for my efforts on this important matter of mutual concern. With best wishes and personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

C. W. Bill Young Member of Congress

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## HHS Provides \$450 Million In Energy Assistance To Low-Income Families

HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt today announced the release of \$450 million to help eligible low-income homeowners and renters meet home energy costs. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds will provide states, territories, tribal areas and the District of Columbia with heating assistance for the winter months ahead.

"Shelter is a basic human need," Secretary Leavitt said. "These funds will enable states to make sure no one is left out in the cold."

LIHEAP helps eligible families pay for home cooling, heating and insulation in summer and winter months. Every year, more than five million low-income households across the country receive assistance under LIHEAP.

"The Bush Administration is committed to protecting the vulnerable," Daniel Schneider, acting assistant secretary for the Administration for Children and Families said. "This new release of funds will further ensure our low-income neighbors are able to keep warm no matter how cold winter becomes."

Including block grant allocations, the money released today through the LIHEAP contingency fund brings the total delivered to approximately \$2.22 billion this fiscal year. \$160 million remains available for unanticipated events in the emergency contingency fund.

For a complete list of state allocations of the funds released today go to: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/news/press/2008/liheap\_allocations\_2008.html

Individuals interested in applying for energy assistance should contact their local/state LIHEAP agency. For more information, go to <a href="http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/">http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/brochure.html</a>.

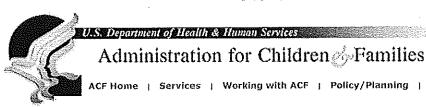
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Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) State Allotments of \$450 Million in Emergency Contingency Funds Reflecting Low Income Households using Fuel Oil, Propane Gas & Natural Gas for Heat

State	Gross Allotments
Alabama	\$1,288,320
Alaska	\$3,557,138
Arizona	\$623,047
Arkansas	\$983,049
California	\$6,911,464
Colorado	\$8,059,412
Connecticut	\$13,598,024
Delaware	\$826,63
District of Columbia	\$488,219
Florida	\$2,038,50
Georgia	\$1,611,75
Hawaii	\$162,313
Idaho	\$939,98
Illinois	\$29,100,35
Indiana	\$13,175,820
Iowa	\$9,337,88
Kansas	\$4,288,37
Kentucky	\$2,050,18
Louisiana	\$1,317,110
Maine	\$8,809,35
Maryland	\$2,407,080
Massachusetts	\$27,200,55
Michigan	\$27,628,23
Minnesota	\$19,904,57
Mississippi	\$1,104,53
Missouri	\$11,623,810
Montana	\$3,687,369
Nebraska	\$4,617,94
Nevada	\$292,62
New Hampshire	\$5,148,509
New Jersey	\$25,251,48
New Mexico	\$780,013
New York	\$82,449,90
North Carolina	\$2,840,718
North Dakota	\$4,005,599
Ohio	\$25,743,608
Oklahoma	\$1,184,23
Oregon	\$1,867,706
Pennsylvania	\$44,287,763
Rhode Island	\$4,477,366
South Carolina	\$1,023,189

Tribal Set-Aside (included in total)	\$4,429,331
Total	\$450,000,000
Amount to Territories	\$203,142
Wyoming	\$1,499,507
Wisconsin	\$17,916,977
West Virginia	\$1,356,760
Washington	\$3,072,119
Virginia	\$2,932,092
Vermont	\$3,858,991
Utah	\$3,745,228
Texas	\$3,391,396
Tennessee	\$2,076,788
South Dakota	\$3,253,247

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