

# National Community Action Foundation

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## Take Action on FY 2008 Funding

This week, the House and Senate are scheduled to vote on an FY 2008 omnibus appropriations bill, which will provide funding for Community Action priorities, e.g., CSBG, LIHEAP, Head Start, Child Care, Commodities, Housing, Rural Development.

As you know, the President vetoed the FY 2008 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations conference report, and the House was unable to override that veto.

This omnibus appropriations bill represents an effort to compromise with the Administration on domestic spending. While it is not expected to make the same level of investments in social service programs as we had anticipated, it is still a marked improvement over the status quo and the President's budget request.

The Coalition on Human Needs (CHN) has set up a toll-free number to contact Representatives' and Senators' offices and urge them to vote for the omnibus appropriations bill this week.

**PLEASE share this information with the CAAs in your state and encourage them to ask Congress to vote to protect funding for the programs they administer that are so important to local families and communities.**

**The phone number is 1-888-245-0215.**

Please contact Marci Phillips at [marciphillips@ncaf.org](mailto:marciphillips@ncaf.org) or 202-842-2092 if you have any questions or need additional information. We'd also appreciate any reports of responses from Members' offices.

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## Targets

These Representatives signed the joint letter to the House Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee requesting "not less than \$700 million" for CSBG in FY 2008, but voted against overriding the President's veto of the Labor-HHS conference report, which would have provided a downpayment on this investment in CSBG, \$665.5 million. With their vote, they endorsed the alternative, returning funding to the President's level, which eliminates all funding for CSBG.

Boozman (R-AR)  
Camp (R-MI)  
Duncan (R-TN)  
Kuhl (R-NY)  
McCaul (R-TX)  
Moran (R-KS)  
Petri (R-WI)

These Republicans signed the CSBG letter AND voted for the Labor-HHS veto override. You can thank these Members for their vote, and ask them to vote again for investments in Community Action initiatives by voting for the omnibus appropriations bill this week.

Biggert (R-IL)  
Castle (R-DE)  
Dent (R-PA)  
Ehlers (R-MI)  
English (R-PA)  
LoBiondo (R-NJ)  
Murphy (R-PA)  
Platts (R-PA)  
Reichert (R-WA)  
Shays (R-CT)  
Turner (R-OH)  
Whitfield (R-KY)

FYI: Bono (R-CA) and Paul (R-TX) signed the CSBG letter but did not cast a vote on the override.

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