

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 14, 2023

The Honorable Xavier Becerra
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
330 C Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20416

Dear Secretary Becerra:


We write to urge the Department of Health and Human Services to release the remaining Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds as quickly as possible. This will ensure state LIHEAP offices can continue to help vulnerable households keep the heat on this winter and plan for the rest of the program year.

As the main federal program that helps low-income households and seniors with their energy bills, LIHEAP provides critical assistance during the cold winter and hot summer months. Over the past year, as energy prices spiked worldwide, LIHEAP has become even more important in helping families pay their energy bills without foregoing other household essentials, like food or medicine. To that end, we worked to secure an additional \$2 billion in emergency program funding between the Continuing Resolution and the Omnibus – bringing the total LIHEAP funds for FY23 to more than \$6 billion.


We are grateful for the quick release of more than \$4.5 billion last November, which has already helped millions of families nationwide. Now, it is critical that the remaining funding is distributed as quickly as possible so it can continue reaching households in need.

We look forward to working with you on this critical program, and thank you for your attention to our concerns and those of our constituents.

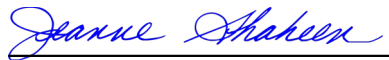
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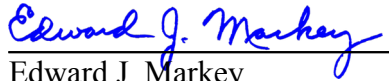
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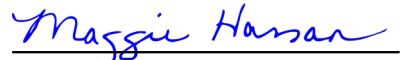
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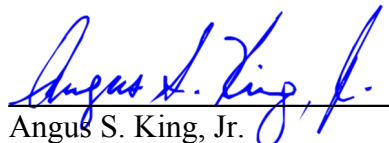
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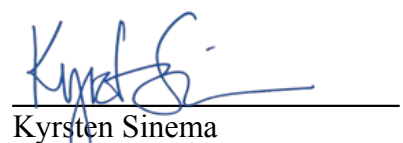
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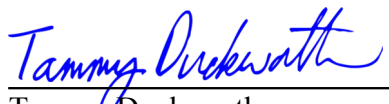
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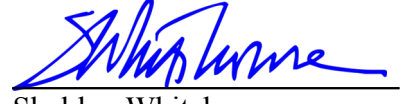
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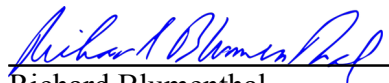
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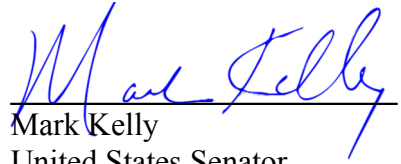
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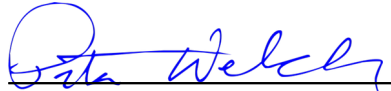
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