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The Honorable Robert Aderholt  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
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Dear Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro,

As work begins on the fiscal year (FY) 2025 appropriations process, we respectfully request you consider the heating and cooling needs of vulnerable American families in the allocation of funds through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Overall, LIHEAP is America's primary residential energy assistance program and prioritizes at-risk households with disabled individuals, young children, and the elderly. Unfortunately, residents in the great state of Florida and many other states have been underserved in the past due to appropriations language that deviates from LIHEAP's enabling statute.

Specifically, the state of Florida—which has one of the nation's highest senior populations—receives funding well below the program's national average, and is only able to serve seven percent of eligible households. Compared to the national average of seventeen percent, Florida receives an alarmingly small fraction of LIHEAP funding—especially when you consider Florida's rapidly growing population and the large number of Floridians that live on fixed incomes.

With that in mind, we request that no less than seventy-five percent of any increase in LIHEAP funds in FY25 be allocated to the program's "new" formula. This will ensure energy customers in Florida receive their fair share of LIHEAP funds in accordance to the program's underlying law.

We appreciate the Subcommittee's desire to balance the needs of vulnerable households nationwide and we seek your support for a more equitable distribution of LIHEAP funding. By increasing funds to the "new" formula, LIHEAP will be able to serve a greater percentage of Florida's most vulnerable population.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with you to equitably address this critical need.

Sincerely,



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