

Center for Public Policy Priorities

Keep the Pressure on Congress

According to public opinion research, 67% of the American people oppose "budget reconciliation," the proposal in Congress to make \$35 to \$50 billion in spending cuts from such programs as federal student loans, Medicaid, and Food Stamps, while also cutting taxes by \$70 billion.

Your calls and e-mails opposing budget reconciliation have slowed Congress down, but Congress is still moving forward on cutting spending that helps low-income Americans.

Both the House and the Senate plan to make committee budget decisions over the next two weeks with possible final votes on cuts in the Senate the week of October 31 and in the House the week of October 31 or November 7.

We urge you to contact again both your Texas senators and your congressional representative with a simple message: No cuts to vital help for low-income Americans, including Medicaid and Food Stamps. Also, please forward this call to action to family, friends, and networks. Congress needs to hear from Americans.

Contact:

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (202) 224-5922, <u>http://hutchison.senate.gov/e-mail.htm</u>

Senator John Cornyn (202) 224-2934, <u>http://www.cornyn.senate.gov/contact/index_1.html</u>

Your Congressional Representative

To find your representative go to <u>www.house.gov</u>.

Key House committee members:

House Committee on Energy and Commerce MEDICAID BUDGET

Rep. Joe Barton, Chairman, 6th District (877) 263-2833 http://www.house.gov/writerep/

Rep. Michael Burgess, 26th District (202) 225-7772 http://www.house.gov/writerep/

Rep. Ralph Hall, 4th District (202) 225-6673 http://www.house.gov/ralphhall/IMA/zipauth.htm

Charles Gonzalez, 20th District (202) 225-3236 http://gonzalez.house.gov/feedback.cfm?campaign=gonzalez&type=Contact Me

Rep. Gene Green, 29th District (202) 225-1688 http://www.house.gov/green/contact/

House Committee on Agriculture FOOD STAMPS BUDGET

Rep. Randy Neugebauer, District 19 (202) 225-4005 http://randy.house.gov/IMA/issue.htm

Rep. Michael Conaway, District 11 Toll Free in Texas: (866) 882-3811 http://conaway.house.gov/IMA/contact.asp

Rep. Henry Cuellar, District 28 (202) 225-1640 henry.cuellar@mail.house.gov

House Ways and Means Committee TANF AND CHILD CARE BUDGET

Rep. Sam Johnson, District 3 (202) 225-4201 http://www.house.gov/formsamjohnson/IMA/issue.htm

Rep. Kevin Brady, District 8 (202) 225-4901 http://www.house.gov/writerep/

Rep. Lloyd Doggett, District 25 (202) 225-4865 http://www.house.gov/doggett/doggett_ima/doggett_get_address_test.htm