



Center for Public Policy Priorities

By September 16, congressional committees have instructions to cut \$35 billion from Medicaid, Food Stamps, Medicare, the Earned Income Tax Credit, TANF, and SSI for the elderly and disabled. Medicaid could be cut by as much as \$10 billion.

This doesn't have to happen. Please oppose reducing or eliminating services that provide critical help for vulnerable people. Hurricane Katrina ripped away the curtain that keeps the poor, the elderly, and people with disabilities out of sight and out of mind. It makes no sense to extend to our compassion to Katrina's victims while cutting government spending for services designed to help the poor and move families into the mainstream of American prosperity.

Today and tomorrow, join the appeal of the Coalition on Human Needs and contact Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Senator John Cornyn, and your Congressional Representative at

<http://www.thecapitol.net/VisitingDC/whatsthedeal.htm#Contacting> or toll-free at 1-800-426-8073 (courtesy of the American Friends Service Committee). Please spread the word by forwarding this urgent message.