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Take Action: U.S. House to Decide This Week Whether to Cut Billions in Services

Beginning today, the U.S. House of Representatives will vote on a budget reconciliation bill that would result in \$50 billion in spending cuts to Medicaid, Food Stamps, and other vital services for vulnerable families and children to help fund \$70 billion in tax cuts. (Other cuts include child support enforcement, SSI disability benefits, child care, foster care assistance, and student loans.)

These spending cuts couldn't come at a worse time for Texas. Poverty and hunger are on the rise and Texas continues to have the highest rate of uninsured adults and kids in the country. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have only added to the numbers of those who need help.

All this week, please join a national campaign to oppose these cuts by calling toll free 1-800-426-8073 and asking to speak with your representative's office. If the lines are busy, please be patient and try again, or visit www.house.gov to contact the office directly. Forward this e-mail to your network and let's all raise our voices together—no budget cuts to fund tax cuts.

To read CPPP's analysis of these issues, visit <http://www.cppp.org/research.php?aid=463> and <http://www.cppp.org/research.php?aid=464>.