

We can beat a bad House budget - if you call.

Over the past couple of weeks, more than two dozen moderate House members who can prevent a bad budget from passing have been saying NO to cuts in services.

But late Wednesday, the House Budget Committee approved a budget that ignores the growing opposition to cuts - and ignores the needs of millions of Americans. It will force cuts in human needs programs. Its funding for annual appropriations is \$9 billion short of the cost just to keep up the current level of services next year - for education, food packages for the poor, housing, child care, meals on wheels, and many other services. It forces \$4 billion in cuts over 5 years from a category of funding that includes basic entitlements such as unemployment insurance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or income support for poor elderly or people with disabilities.

The budget is expected to reach the House floor sometime next week. **If members who voted against the last round of painful reductions are joined by those who have gone on record against cuts now, it cannot pass in its current harsh form.**

Please Call Your Representative – use the toll-free number: (800) 459-1887



"I am calling to urge Rep. _____ to vote against the Budget Committee's budget resolution. It forces cuts in nutrition aid, health care, education/training, housing, and other essential services. Its funding is so low that vulnerable people - infants, struggling workers, the elderly - will lose needed services. Please support efforts to restore funding for domestic programs. This budget sacrifices essential priorities for tax breaks that favor the rich."

Please hold your Representative accountable -

The House budget's funding for annually appropriated programs is close to the amount proposed by the President. That means **cuts!** Just a few examples of harmful cuts in the President's budget:

- **Food aid** eliminated for 420,000 seniors and 50,000 young children and moms: the President would eliminate the Commodity Supplemental Food Program.
- **Education** for the disadvantaged would be cut by \$2.4 billion.
- 650,000 fewer children will receive subsidized **child care** in 2011 than in 2000.

The toll-free number is provided courtesy of the American Friends Service Committee which has launched a budget campaign, <http://www.afsc.org/economicjustice/sos/> AFSC welcomes groups to circulate and use the toll-free number in support of non-partisan budget goals and without linking the alert to a website soliciting donations or actions which may be used to support partisan lobbying or work.

**For more information, contact the Coalition on Human Needs: www.chn.org
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The following Republican Representatives are considered possible swing-votes -- they could buck their leaders and stop the budget cuts from passing:

Don Young + (AK)	Walter Jones (NC)
Rick Renzi * (AZ)	Tom Osborne + (NE)
Bob Beauprez (CO) Marilyn Musgrave (CO)	Jeb Bradley + (NH)
Nancy Johnson * (CT) Chris Shays * (CT) Rob Simmons * (CT)	Frank LoBiondo (NJ) Christopher Smith (NJ)
Mike Castle * (DE)	Heather Wilson * + (NM)
Mark Foley (FL) E. Clay Shaw (FL)	Jon Porter * (NV)
Jim Leach * + (IA)	Sherwood Boehlert * (NY) Sue Kelly (NY) John R. Kuhl * + (NY) John McHugh * (NY) John Sweeney (NY) James Walsh (NY)
Timothy Johnson (IL) Ray LaHood * (IL)	Steve LaTourette * (OH) Bob Ney * (OH)
Edward Whitfield * (KY)	
Wayne Gilchrest * (MD)	Philip English + (PA) Mike Fitzpatrick (PA) Jim Gerlach * + (PA) Melissa Hart + (PA) Timothy Murphy + (PA) Todd Platts * (PA) Curt Weldon * (PA)
Vernon Ehlers (MI) Joe Schwarz * (MI) Fred Upton * (MI)	
Jim Ramstad * (MN)	
JoAnn Emerson * (MO)	Ron Paul + (TX)

Members marked with an * signed a letter to House leaders asking for a 2 percent increase in domestic spending for the programs that are funded annually.

Members marked with + signed a letter to House leaders asking that the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) be preserved.