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MAKING AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

HIS REQUEST TO MAKE AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS TOTALING \$210,000,000 IN BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND DESIGNATE THE AMOUNT MADE AVAILABLE AS AN EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(b)(2)(D)(i) OF THE BALANCED BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL ACT OF 1985, AS AMENDED—RECEIVED IN THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JANUARY 31, 1997, PURSUANT TO 31 U.S.C. 1107



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, January 31, 1997.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: In accordance with provisions of Public Law 103-333, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1995, and Public Law 104-134, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1996, I hereby make available appropriations of \$210,000,000 in budget authority for the Department of Health and Human Services' Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. These funds will enable the Department to support the needs of States suffering from high energy prices as well as cold weather conditions.

I designate the amount made available as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

Enclosure.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

January 31, 1997

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available emergency appropriations for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Your approval of this request would make available previously appropriated funds to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to address the needs of States suffering from high energy prices as well as cold weather conditions.

Public Law 104-134, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1996, provided \$300 million for LIHEAP contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. P.L. 104-134 also extended the availability of \$120 million in contingent funding that was originally provided for LIHEAP in Public Law 103-333, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1995. On January 15, 1997, you released \$5,000,000 to the States of North and South Dakota in response to severe winter weather in that area. This request would make available an additional \$210,000,000 to support needs arising due to severe weather and to provide a one-time amount for increased energy prices. The Department will use these funds both to provide assistance to all States and additional targeted support to eight States suffering from particularly cold weather: Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, and North and South Dakota.

Analysis performed by HHS of weather conditions for the heating season to date shows that these eight States have suffered disproportionately severe weather. In addition, both cold weather and increased energy costs have affected many other States. We will continue to monitor conditions in the rest of the country.

I recommend that you designate this request as an emergency funding requirement in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. No further congressional action will be required.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary of Health and Human Services in recommending that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. D. Raines', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Franklin D. Raines
Director

Enclosure

**EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED MADE
AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

Low income home energy assistance \$210,000,000

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On January 15, 1997, \$5,000,000 was released to support needs arising from the extremely cold weather in North and South Dakota. At this time, an additional \$210,000,000 of the remaining \$415,000,000 in contingent funding is required to support needs arising from increased energy prices and unusually cold weather conditions.

