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Health & Housing Appropriations Move to Senate

Mobilizer readers are aware that President Bush's budget proposal, while troubling in many respects, did provide for important increases in several safety-net type programs, including:

- an additional \$304 million for Consolidated Health Centers, 8.7% of which would go to Health Care for the Homeless;
- an additional 200 million for HUD McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance grants; and
- an additional \$1.08 billion for tenant-based Section 8 certificates.

Last month, the House of Representatives missed the mark, providing less than the President's recommendations for these vital programs.

On Thursday, July 14, the Senate Committee on Appropriations will "mark up" and vote on several FY 2006 spending bills, including those that provide for the Health Care for the Homeless program and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The funding levels to be approved this week will either concretize the shortcomings of the House appropriations or set the tone for a constructive debate between the two chambers.

ACTION:

Contact Members of the Senate Committee on Appropriations (see below) in support of *at least the President's full* recommendations for Health Center (\$2.038 billion), McKinney-Vento (\$1.44 billion), and Section 8 voucher (\$15.85 billion) funding.

Senate Committee on Appropriations

Majority: Thad Cochran, Chair (MS), Ted Stevens (AK), Arlen Specter (PA), Pete Domenici (NM), Christopher Bond (MO), Mitch McConnell (KY), Conrad Burns (MT), Richard Shelby (AL), Judd Gregg (NH), Robert Bennett (UT), Larry Craig (ID), Kay Bailey Hutchison (TX), Mike DeWine (OH), Sam Brownback (KS), Wayne Allard (CO)

Minority: Robert Byrd (WV), Daniel Inouye (HI), Patrick Leahy (VT), Tom Harkin (IA)
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