

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 27, 2017

The Honorable Dr. Thomas E. Price, M.D.  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Price:

We write to request the quick release of FY 2018 funds for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), at the highest amount possible under the current continuing resolution.

LIHEAP is a critical safety net for low-income families, our elderly, our veterans, and those living with disabilities. Throughout the country, people rely on LIHEAP assistance to help them pay their utility bills through hot summers and cold winters, especially when faced with financial difficulties. For many states, October signals the start of the cold-weather season, so the need for heating assistance is imminent.

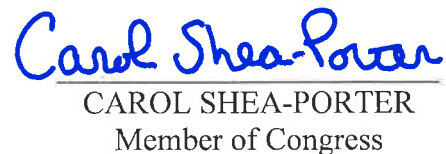
As state and local agencies begin providing assistance for the next fiscal year, it is imperative they have the resources they need to ensure those in need stay warm this winter. Accordingly, we respectfully ask that you release the highest possible level of FY 2018 LIHEAP funds so these important agencies can prepare for the coming season.

Thank you for your support of LIHEAP. We appreciate your consideration, and we look forward to timely action by your Department to help our most vulnerable citizens in need.

Sincerely,

  
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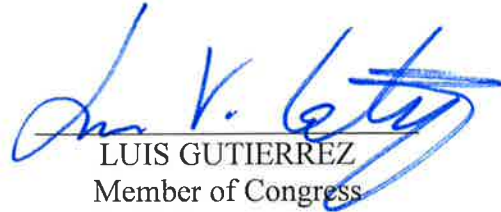
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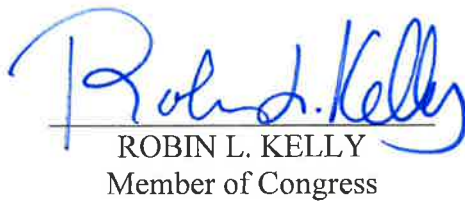
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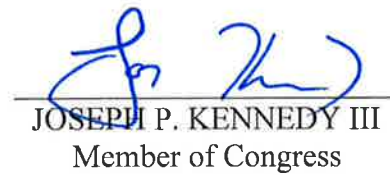
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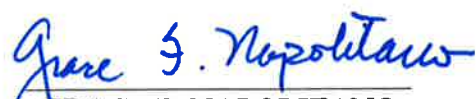
  
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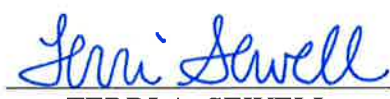

  
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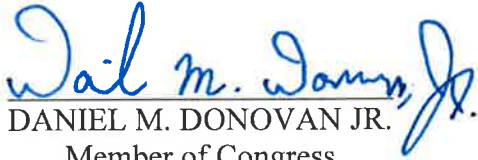
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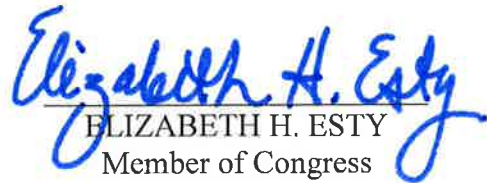
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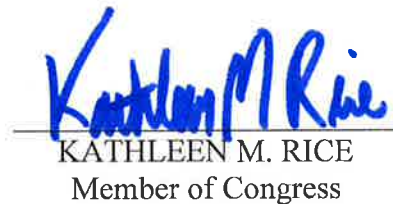
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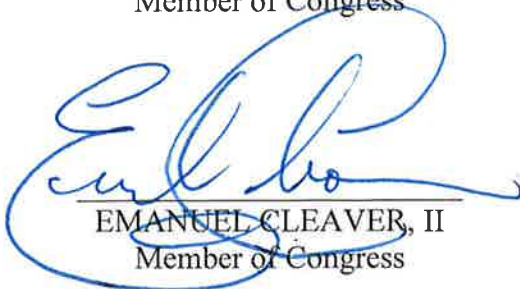
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