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MAKING AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS

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COMMUNICATION

FROM

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

TRANSMITTING

HIS REQUEST TO MAKE AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS TOTALING \$5 MILLION 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, PURSUANT TO 31 U.S.C. 1107



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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
*Washington, January 15, 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 \$5 million 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 North and South Dakota, which suffered approximately twice the level of severe cold weather conditions relative to neighboring States, and dramatically more severe cold weather than the rest of the country. Due to these extreme conditions, I recently declared North and South Dakota to be disaster areas.

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.



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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,  
*Washington, DC, January 15, 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 needs of the States of North and South Dakota arising from the recent severe winter weather.

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. This request would make available \$5 million in targeted funds, now needed to address needs arising from the severe winter weather of 1996/1997.

Analysis of December weather conditions by HHS shows that the Dakotas suffered roughly twice the level of severe weather when compared to neighboring States, and dramatically more severe cold than the rest of the country. As a result of these extreme weather conditions, the Governors of these States recently declared emergencies, and you declared North and South Dakota to be disaster areas. We will continue to monitor weather 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,

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 .....	\$5,000,000
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At this time, \$5 million of the total \$420 million in contingent funding is required to support needs arising from the extremely cold weather in North and South Dakota.