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BUDGET AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

HIS REQUEST TO MAKE AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS OF $100,000,000 IN BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES' LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO PUB. L. 105–78

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, July 23, 1998.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: In accordance with provisions of Public Law 105–78, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1998, I hereby make available appropriations of $100,000,000 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 in the South and Southwest that are suffering from extremely hot weather conditions.

I designate the amount made available as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) 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 Acting 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, July 23, 1998.

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 in the South and Southwest that are suffering from extremely hot weather conditions.

Public Law 105–78, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1998, 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. This request would make $100 million available to support needs arising due to severe weather. The Department will use these funds to provide targeted support to 11 States suffering from particularly hot weather: Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Mississippi. HHS analysis of weather conditions for the months of June and July to date shows that these 11 States have suffered particularly severe heat. We will continue to monitor conditions across the country.

I recommend that you designate this request as an emergency funding requirement in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(A) 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,

JACOB J. LEW, *Acting 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 program $100,000,000

Public Law 105–78, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1998 provided $300,000,000 for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement.

At this time, $100,000,000 of the $300,000,000 in contingent funding is required to support needs in eleven States arising from unusually hot weather conditions in the South and Southwest.

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