

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

February 27, 2007

Support Critical Energy Programs

Dear Colleague:

We invite you to join us in sending the attached letter to OMB Director Portman and Energy Secretary Bodman asking that they fund the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) be funded at no less than \$254.5 million and the State Energy Program (SEP) at \$49.5 million in the Department of Energy spending plan for the FY 2007 Continuing Resolution.


Background

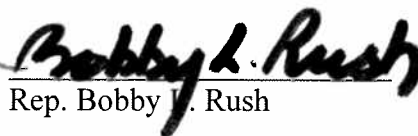
The FY 2007 Continuing Resolution increased the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Account in the DOE budget by \$300 million recognizing the importance of these programs to help reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and lower energy costs. The Department of Energy is currently developing a spending plan to determine how funding is allocated among the programs within the EERE Account. The Administration has discretion to fund these programs at higher or lower amounts relative to FY06. Our letter urges the Administration to fund WAP at a minimum of \$254.4 million which equals the amount called for in the House-passed Energy and Water Appropriations bill for FY07. For SEP the letter urges \$49.5 million which equals the President's FY07 budget request. The additional funding for this account in the CR gives DOE sufficient resources to increase WAP to \$254.5 million and SEP to \$49.5 million.

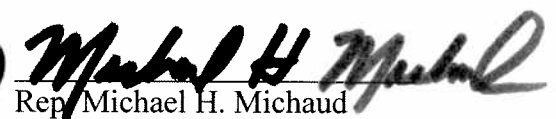
Deadline to sign on


If you would like to add your name to this letter, please email the Legislative Director of the Northeast Midwest Congressional Coalition at Katie.waszkiwicz@mail.house.gov , no later than **COB Friday March 2**. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 65181.

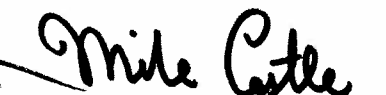
Sincerely,



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