

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Alabama Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Alabama and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Alabama's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 426,322 veterans in Alabama receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 25,901 brave Alabamans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$88,466,796 to Alabama from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$20,762,290 to Alabama from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Alabama and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 14,000 Alabama families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 102,000 families here in Alabama will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Alabama, there are 352,400 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Alabama, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Alabamans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$50,205,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Alabama. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Alabama has dropped by \$3,808 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Alabama's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Alabama, 70,320 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$464,896,376 for Alabama hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Alabamans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Alabama's 725,000 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 48,866 Alabama children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 16,374 Alabama children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.09 in Alabama since January 2001, an increase of approximately 80 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Alabama environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$4,420,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Alabama improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$27,927 for a typical middle-income family of four in Alabama. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Alaska Families**

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The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Alaska's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 67,299 veterans in Alaska receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 26,083 brave Alaskans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$46,797,591 to Alaska from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$11,020,760 to Alaska from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Alaska and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 2,000 Alaska families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 17,000 families here in Alaska will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Alaska, there are 66,600 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Alaska, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Alaskans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$18,956,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Alaska. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Alaska has dropped by \$3,658 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Alaska's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Alaska, 17,880 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$24,706,985 for Alaska hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Alaskans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Alaska's 133,200 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 9,192 Alaska children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 1,725 Alaska children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by eighty-nine cents in Alaska since January 2001, an increase of approximately 53 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Alaska environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$2,366,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Alaska improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$27,105 for a typical middle-income family of four in Alaska. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Arizona Families**

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The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Arizona's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 555,224 veterans in Arizona receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 22,616 brave Arizonans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$98,602,731 to Arizona from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$22,859,630 to Arizona from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Arizona and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 30,000 Arizona families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 226,000 families here in Arizona will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Arizona, there are 449,600 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Arizona, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Arizonans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$56,889,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Arizona. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as 874,000 Arizonans live below the poverty level – an increase of 262,000 since 2000. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Arizona's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Arizona, 270,870 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$307,090,111 for Arizona hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Arizonans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Arizona's 967,300 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 67,196 Arizona children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 13,215 Arizona children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.26 in Arizona since January 2001, an increase of approximately 86 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Arizona environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$2,670,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Arizona improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$32,189 for a typical middle-income family of four in Arizona. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Arkansas Families**

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The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Arkansas' Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 268,352 veterans in Arkansas receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 15,387 brave Arkansans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$67,254,701 to Arkansas from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$14,838,073 to Arkansas from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Arkansas and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 12,000 Arkansas families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 90,000 families here in Arkansas will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Arkansas, there are 238,600 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Arkansas, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Arkansans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$34,460,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Arkansas. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as a staggering 397,000 Arkansans live below the federal poverty level. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Arkansas' Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Arkansas, 67,690 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$259,634,782 for Arkansas hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Arkansans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Arkansas' 447,500 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 29,540 Arkansas children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 10,942 Arkansas children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.05 in Arkansas since January 2001, an increase of approximately 76 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Arkansas environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$2,586,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Arkansas improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$26,962 for a typical middle-income family of four in Arkansas. [CTJ, 10/06]



## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for California Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for California and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To California's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 2,310,967 veterans in California receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 130,119 brave Californians, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$429,646,815 to California from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$112,655,660 to California from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make California and our nation more secure.

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- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 606,000 California families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 4,434,000 families here in California will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In California, there are 3,575,200 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
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- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in California has dropped by \$777 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For California's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In California, 1,380,800 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$2,462,720,506 for California hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Californians. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for California's 6,518,000 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 421,277 California children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 98,432 California children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

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- Gas prices have increased by \$1.75 in California since January 2001, an increase of approximately 122 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
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- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$30,812 for a typical middle-income family of four in California. [CTJ, 10/06]



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The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Colorado's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

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### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 32,000 Colorado families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 234,000 families here in Colorado will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Colorado, there are 534,300 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Colorado, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Coloradans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$54,403,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Colorado. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Colorado has dropped by \$4,041 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Colorado's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Colorado, 176,230 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$261,719,066 for Colorado hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Coloradans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Colorado's 768,600 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 31,296 Colorado children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 9,820 Colorado children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.12 in Colorado since January 2001, an increase of approximately 77 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Colorado environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$3,162,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Colorado improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$30,951 for a typical middle-income family of four in Colorado. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Connecticut Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Connecticut and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Connecticut's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 268,974 veterans in Connecticut receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 10,812 brave Connecticut residents, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$81,257,248 to Connecticut from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$14,738,181 to Connecticut from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Connecticut and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 80,000 Connecticut families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 587,000 families here in Connecticut will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Connecticut, there are 341,400 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Connecticut, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Connecticut residents to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$35,604,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Connecticut. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Connecticut has dropped by \$1,180 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Connecticut's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Connecticut, 72,480 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$315,055,568 for Connecticut hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Connecticut residents. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Connecticut's 567,300 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 27,343 Connecticut children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 7,126 Connecticut children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.24 in Connecticut since January 2001, an increase of approximately 81 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Connecticut environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$4,842,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Connecticut improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough “pay as you go” budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$31,393 for a typical middle-income family of four in Connecticut. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Delaware Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Delaware and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Delaware's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 80,751 veterans in Delaware receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 3,824 brave Delawareans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$50,056,926 to Delaware from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$12,140,246 to Delaware from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Delaware and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 6,000 Delaware families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 47,000 families here in Delaware will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Delaware, there are 73,400 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Delaware, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Delawareans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$8,416,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Delaware. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Delaware has dropped by \$5,411 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Delaware's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Delaware, 24,500 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$68,433,932 for Delaware hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Delawareans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Delaware's 116,400 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 9,175 Delaware children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 2,197 Delaware children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.11 in Delaware since January 2001, an increase of approximately 76 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Delaware environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$1,940,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Delaware improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$29,632 for a typical middle-income family of four in Delaware. [CTJ, 10/06]



## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for D.C. Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for the District of Columbia and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To D.C.'s Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 37,377 veterans in D.C. receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 1,388 brave people from D.C., who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$45,894,053 to D.C. from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$10,759,656 to D.C. from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make D.C. and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 11,000 D.C. families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 85,000 families here in D.C. will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In the District of Columbia, there are 61,800 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in D.C., the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking D.C. residents to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$16,595,000 in funding for job training and employment services in D.C.. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in the District of Columbia has dropped by \$1,065 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For D.C.'s Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In D.C., 8,980 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$77,574,888 for D.C. hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many D.C. residents. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for D.C.'s 73,900 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, Head Start – a vital program for 3,403 District of Columbia children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Democrats restore funding for D.C.'s environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$1,940,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help the District improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$35,895 for a typical middle-income family of four in D.C.. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Florida Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Florida and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Florida's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 1,788,496 veterans in Florida receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 147,275 brave Floridians, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$226,594,450 to Florida from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$55,636,891 to Florida from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Florida and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 118,000 Florida families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 866,000 families here in Florida will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Florida, there are 1,837,800 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Florida, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Floridians to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$141,585,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Florida. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Florida has dropped by \$ 569 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Florida's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Florida, 733,000 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$1,394,810,567 for Florida hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Floridians. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Florida's 2,609,100 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 158,629 Florida children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 35,530 Florida children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.28 in Florida since January 2001, an increase of approximately 97 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Florida environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$13,343,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Florida improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough “pay as you go” budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$28,410 for a typical middle-income family of four in Florida. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Georgia Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Georgia and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Georgia's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 760,324 veterans in Georgia receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 38,304 brave Georgians, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$133,817,187 to Georgia from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$33,600,613 to Georgia from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Georgia and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 73,000 Georgia families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 534,000 families here in Georgia will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Georgia, there are 813,100 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Georgia, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Georgians to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$87,892,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Georgia. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Georgia has dropped by \$2,700 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Georgia's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Georgia, 293,750 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$709,586,851 for Georgia hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Georgians. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Georgia's 1,530,700 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 106,171 Georgia children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 23,508 Georgia children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.23 in Georgia since January 2001, an increase of approximately 101 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Georgia environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$6,683,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Georgia improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough “pay as you go” budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$29,457 for a typical middle-income family of four in Georgia. [CTJ, 10/06]



## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Hawaii Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Hawaii and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Hawaii's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 107,310 veterans in Hawaii receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 7,312 brave Hawaiians, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$52,784,582 to Hawaii from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$12,141,939 to Hawaii from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Hawaii and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 9,000 Hawaii families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 71,000 families here in Hawaii will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Hawaii, there are 113,800 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Hawaii, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Hawaiians to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$10,651,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Hawaii. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as a staggering 108,000 Hawaiians live below the federal poverty level. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Hawaii's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Hawaii, 17,310 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$47,109,812 for Hawaii hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Hawaiians. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Hawaii's 181,700 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 11,564 Hawaii children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 3,049 Hawaii children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.19 in Hawaii since January 2001, an increase of approximately 67 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Hawaii environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$3,061,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Hawaii improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$26,617 for a typical middle-income family of four in Hawaii. [CTJ, 10/06]



## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Idaho Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Idaho and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Idaho's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 133,184 veterans in Idaho receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 9,386 brave Idahoans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$55,955,426 to Idaho from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$13,935,337 to Idaho from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Idaho and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 8,000 Idaho families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 60,000 families here in Idaho will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Idaho, there are 144,900 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Idaho, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Idahoans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$14,811,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Idaho. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as a staggering 139,000 Idahoans live below the federal poverty level. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Idaho's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Idaho, 45,120 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$64,407,859 for Idaho hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Idahoans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Idaho's 254,200 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 11,398 Idaho children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 2,640 Idaho children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.10 in Idaho since January 2001, an increase of approximately 75 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Idaho environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$1,940,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Idaho improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$27,802 for a typical middle-income family of four in Idaho. [CTJ, 10/06]



## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Illinois Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Illinois and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Illinois' Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 896,640 veterans in Illinois receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 54,226 brave Illinoisans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$179,103,886 to Illinois from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETTP) – which awarded \$47,605,959 to Illinois from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Illinois and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 112,000 Illinois families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 819,000 families here in Illinois will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Illinois, there are 1,087,700 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Illinois, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Illinoisans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$198,310,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Illinois. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Illinois has dropped by \$5,236 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Illinois' Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Illinois, 385,610 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$1,224,600,616 for Illinois hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Illinoisans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Illinois' 2,091,000 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 127,687 Illinois children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 39,640 Illinois children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.10 in Illinois since January 2001, an increase of approximately 74 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Illinois environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$17,877,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Illinois improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough “pay as you go” budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$29,665 for a typical middle-income family of four in Illinois. [CTJ, 10/06]



## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Indiana Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Indiana and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Indiana's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 550,872 veterans in Indiana receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 22,737 brave Indiana residents, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$107,479,773 to Indiana from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$22,858,554 to Indiana from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Indiana and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 29,000 Indiana families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 212,000 families here in Indiana will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Indiana, there are 473,500 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Indiana, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Hoosiers to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$77,728,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Indiana. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Indiana has dropped by \$3,990 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Indiana's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Indiana, 161,260 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$569,911,402 for Indiana hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Indiana residents. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Indiana's 1,015,900 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 59,241 Indiana children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 14,231 Indiana children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.13 in Indiana since January 2001, an increase of approximately 81 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Indiana environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$9,526,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Indiana improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$28,226 for a typical middle-income family of four in Indiana. [CTJ, 10/06]



## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Iowa Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Iowa and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Iowa's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 265,960 veterans in Iowa receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 13,343 brave Iowans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$72,434,834 to Iowa from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$17,400,576 to Iowa from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Iowa and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 17,000 Iowa families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 124,000 families here in Iowa will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Iowa, there are 257,800 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Iowa, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Iowans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$25,265,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Iowa. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Iowa has dropped by \$1,633 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Iowa's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Iowa, 44,220 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$166,125,603 for Iowa hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Iowans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Iowa's 466,700 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 17,358 Iowa children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 7,735 Iowa children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.10 in Iowa since January 2001, an increase of approximately 77 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Iowa environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$5,349,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Iowa improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$28,650 for a typical middle-income family of four in Iowa. [CTJ, 10/06]



## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Kansas Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Kansas and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Kansas' Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 246,359 veterans in Kansas receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 13,576 brave Kansans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$70,594,934 to Kansas from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$17,242,340 to Kansas from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Kansas and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 19,000 Kansas families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 140,000 families here in Kansas will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Kansas, there are 242,500 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Kansas, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Kansans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$33,532,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Kansas. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Kansas has dropped by \$2,913 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Kansas' Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Kansas, 50,050 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$205,225,513 for Kansas hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Kansans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Kansas' 459,400 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 22,019 Kansas children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 7,931 Kansas children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.16 in Kansas since January 2001, an increase of approximately 84 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Kansas environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$3,568,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Kansas improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$27,584 for a typical middle-income family of four in Kansas. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Kentucky Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Kentucky and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Kentucky's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 359,845 veterans in Kentucky receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 14,439 brave Kentuckians, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$86,831,675 to Kentucky from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$18,350,518 to Kentucky from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Kentucky and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 23,000 Kentucky families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 174,000 families here in Kentucky will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Kentucky, there are 339,200 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Kentucky, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Kentuckians to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$49,804,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Kentucky. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Kentucky has dropped by \$3,565 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Kentucky's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Kentucky, 81,740 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$516,906,039 for Kentucky hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Kentuckians. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Kentucky's 642,500 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 45,981 Kentucky children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 16,071 Kentucky children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.08 in Kentucky since January 2001, an increase of approximately 77 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Kentucky environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$5,031,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Kentucky improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$27,715 for a typical middle-income family of four in Kentucky. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Louisiana Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Louisiana and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Louisiana's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 366,955 veterans in Louisiana receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 23,914 brave Louisianans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$92,146,253 to Louisiana from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$23,464,819 to Louisiana from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Louisiana and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 18,000 Louisiana families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 132,000 families here in Louisiana will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Louisiana, there are 368,200 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Louisiana, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Louisianans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$65,638,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Louisiana. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Louisiana has increased only \$906 since 2000 and health care and energy prices continue to climb. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Louisiana's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Louisiana, 101,070 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$461,569,268 for Louisiana hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Louisianans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Louisiana's 709,100 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 71,623 Louisiana children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 21,982 Louisiana children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.08 in Louisiana since January 2001, an increase of approximately 79 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Louisiana environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$4,345,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Louisiana improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$27,314 for a typical middle-income family of four in Louisiana. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Maine Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Maine and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Maine's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 143,726 veterans in Maine receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 6,911 brave Mainers, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$53,169,521 to Maine from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$12,169,735 to Maine from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Maine and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 11,000 Maine families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 85,000 families here in Maine will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Maine, there are 151,000 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Maine, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Mainers to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$13,629,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Maine. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Maine has dropped by \$ 566 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Maine's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Maine, 21,800 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$138,938,759 for Maine hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Mainers. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Maine's 192,500 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 11,652 Maine children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 3,955 Maine children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.17 in Maine since January 2001, an increase of approximately 79 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Maine environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$3,060,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Maine improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$27,781 for a typical middle-income family of four in Maine. [CTJ, 10/06]





## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Maryland Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Maryland and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Maryland's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 486,299 veterans in Maryland receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 19,669 brave Marylanders, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$97,918,423 to Maryland from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$22,425,154 to Maryland from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Maryland and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 102,000 Maryland families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 751,000 families here in Maryland will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Maryland, there are 516,700 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Maryland, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Marylanders to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$44,127,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Maryland. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Maryland has dropped by \$1,724 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Maryland's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Maryland, 137,340 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Maryland's 862,600 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 49,347 Maryland children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 10,347 Maryland children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.13 in Maryland since January 2001, an increase of approximately 78 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Maryland environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$9,560,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Maryland improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough “pay as you go” budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$30,203 for a typical middle-income family of four in Maryland. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Massachusetts Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Massachusetts and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Massachusetts' Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 490,883 veterans in Massachusetts receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 16,067 brave Massachusetts residents, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$110,944,377 to Massachusetts from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$28,469,319 to Massachusetts from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Massachusetts and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 116,000 Massachusetts families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 848,000 families here in Massachusetts will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Massachusetts, there are 637,800 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Massachusetts, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Bay Staters to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$65,970,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Massachusetts. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed a staggering 617,000 Massachusetts residents live below the federal poverty line. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Massachusetts' Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Massachusetts, 87,950 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$875,250,585 for Massachusetts hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Bay Staters. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Massachusetts' 966,400 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 51,439 Massachusetts children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 12,846 Massachusetts children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.07 in Massachusetts since January 2001, an increase of approximately 71 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Massachusetts environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$13,420,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Massachusetts improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough “pay as you go” budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$30,650 for a typical middle-income family of four in Massachusetts. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Michigan Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Michigan and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Michigan's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 836,948 veterans in Michigan receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 42,451 brave Michiganders, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$150,552,980 to Michigan from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$36,175,538 to Michigan from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Michigan and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 69,000 Michigan families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 507,000 families here in Michigan will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Michigan, there are 822,000 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Michigan, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Michigianians to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$205,478,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Michigan. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Michigan has dropped by \$7,989 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Michigan's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Michigan, 159,730 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$1,074,921,081 for Michigan hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Michigianians. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Michigan's 1,789,700 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 121,178 Michigan children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 35,069 Michigan children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.12 in Michigan since January 2001, an increase of approximately 79 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Michigan environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$16,996,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Michigan improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$28,338 for a typical middle-income family of four in Michigan. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Minnesota Families**

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The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Minnesota's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 426,591 veterans in Minnesota receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 18,150 brave Minnesotans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$90,255,426 to Minnesota from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$19,205,064 to Minnesota from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Minnesota and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 57,000 Minnesota families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 420,000 families here in Minnesota will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Minnesota, there are 491,700 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Minnesota, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Minnesotans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$44,018,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Minnesota. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Minnesota has dropped by \$2,201 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Minnesota's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Minnesota, 86,060 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$291,417,260 for Minnesota hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Minnesotans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Minnesota's 822,600 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 28,797 Minnesota children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 10,332 Minnesota children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by ninety-three cents in Minnesota since January 2001, an increase of approximately 59 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Minnesota environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$7,265,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Minnesota improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$29,774 for a typical middle-income family of four in Minnesota. [CTJ, 10/06]





## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Mississippi Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Mississippi and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Mississippi's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 240,110 veterans in Mississippi receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 18,510 brave Mississippians, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$68,931,727 to Mississippi from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$15,205,264 to Mississippi from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Mississippi and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 7,000 Mississippi families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 57,000 families here in Mississippi will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Mississippi, there are 209,100 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Mississippi, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Mississippians to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$56,446,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Mississippi. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Mississippi has dropped by \$4,067 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Mississippi's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Mississippi, 106,060 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$234,612,141 for Mississippi hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Mississippians. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Mississippi's 484,000 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 42,238 Mississippi children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 26,657 Mississippi children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.03 in Mississippi since January 2001, an increase of approximately 74 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Mississippi environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$3,561,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Mississippi improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$27,399 for a typical middle-income family of four in Mississippi. [CTJ, 10/06]

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### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Missouri's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 554,532 veterans in Missouri receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 27,829 brave Missourians, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$109,845,866 to Missouri from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$22,496,769 to Missouri from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
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- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Missouri, there are 495,300 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

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- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.02 in Missouri since January 2001, an increase of approximately 74 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
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- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 102,605 veterans in Montana receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 9,187 brave Montanans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$49,476,207 to Montana from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$11,532,894 to Montana from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
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- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Montana, there are 113,500 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

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- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$56,311,360 for Montana hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Montanans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Montana's 142,900 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 11,398 Montana children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 2,939 Montana children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.08 in Montana since January 2001, an increase of approximately 73 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Montana environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$1,940,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Montana improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough “pay as you go” budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$28,069 for a typical middle-income family of four in Montana. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Nebraska Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Nebraska and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Nebraska's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 159,486 veterans in Nebraska receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 9,533 brave Nebraskans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$64,248,520 to Nebraska from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$11,293,280 to Nebraska from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Nebraska and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 13,000 Nebraska families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 96,000 families here in Nebraska will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Nebraska, there are 159,300 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Nebraska, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Nebraskans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$15,020,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Nebraska. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Nebraska has only increased \$300 since 2000 and health care and energy prices continue to climb. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Nebraska's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Nebraska, 28,240 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$110,611,845 for Nebraska hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Nebraskans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Nebraska's 279,800 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 13,354 Nebraska children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 5,080 Nebraska children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.16 in Nebraska since January 2001, an increase of approximately 80 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Nebraska environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$2,022,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Nebraska improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$29,386 for a typical middle-income family of four in Nebraska. [CTJ, 10/06]





## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Nevada Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Nevada and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Nevada's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 243,716 veterans in Nevada receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 13,028 brave Nevadans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$65,652,048 to Nevada from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$14,780,472 to Nevada from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Nevada and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 13,000 Nevada families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 98,000 families here in Nevada will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Nevada, there are 204,200 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Nevada, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Nevadans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$17,894,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Nevada. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Nevada has dropped by \$1,723 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Nevada's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Nevada, 104,340 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$113,416,710 for Nevada hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Nevadans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Nevada's 410,600 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 21,889 Nevada children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 2,754 Nevada children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.30 in Nevada since January 2001, an increase of approximately 82 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Nevada environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$1,940,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Nevada improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$30,520 for a typical middle-income family of four in Nevada. [CTJ, 10/06]



## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION:**

### **Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for New Hampshire Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for New Hampshire and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

#### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To New Hampshire's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 131,074 veterans in New Hampshire receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 8,466 brave New Hampshireers, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$52,909,552 to New Hampshire from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$12,075,565 to New Hampshire from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make New Hampshire and our nation more secure.

#### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 11,000 New Hampshire families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 81,000 families here in New Hampshire will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In New Hampshire, there are 142,400 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in New Hampshire, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking New Hampshireites to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$10,116,000 in funding for job training and employment services in New Hampshire. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as a staggering 72,000 New Hampshire residents live below the federal poverty level. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For New Hampshire's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In New Hampshire, 20,160 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$81,684,276 for New Hampshire hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many New Hampshireites. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for New Hampshire's 201,100 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 9,112 New Hampshire children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 1,632 New Hampshire children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.07 in New Hampshire since January 2001, an increase of approximately 72 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for New Hampshire environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$3,950,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help New Hampshire improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$29,432 for a typical middle-income family of four in New Hampshire. [CTJ, 10/06]



## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for New Jersey Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for New Jersey and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To New Jersey's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 582,916 veterans in New Jersey receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 32,660 brave New Jerseyans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$129,756,137 to New Jersey from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$29,705,232 to New Jersey from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make New Jersey and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 228,000 New Jersey families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 1,665,000 families here in New Jersey will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In New Jersey, there are 812,200 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in New Jersey, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking New Jerseyans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$82,140,000 in funding for job training and employment services in New Jersey. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed 643,000 New Jersey residents live below the poverty level – an increase of 14,000 since 2000. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For New Jersey's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In New Jersey, 250,500 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$846,118,259 for New Jersey hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many New Jerseyans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for New Jersey's 1,399,800 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 61,054 New Jersey children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 14,717 New Jersey children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.12 in New Jersey since January 2001, an increase of approximately 83 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for New Jersey environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$16,152,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help New Jersey improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$30,157 for a typical middle-income family of four in New Jersey. [CTJ, 10/06]



## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for New Mexico Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for New Mexico and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To New Mexico's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 180,173 veterans in New Mexico receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 9,515 brave New Mexicans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$58,837,319 to New Mexico from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$13,278,571 to New Mexico from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make New Mexico and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 8,000 New Mexico families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 64,000 families here in New Mexico will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In New Mexico, there are 153,800 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in New Mexico, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking New Mexicans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$28,304,000 in funding for job training and employment services in New Mexico. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in New Mexico has only increased \$947 since 2000 and health care and energy prices continue to climb. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For New Mexico's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In New Mexico, 93,590 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$83,875,506 for New Mexico hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many New Mexicans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for New Mexico's 316,400 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 25,449 New Mexico children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 7,451 New Mexico children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.17 in New Mexico since January 2001, an increase of approximately 82 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for New Mexico environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$1,940,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help New Mexico improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$29,436 for a typical middle-income family of four in New Mexico. [CTJ, 10/06]



## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for New York Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for New York and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To New York's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 1,171,898 veterans in New York receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 58,346 brave New Yorkers, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$251,903,927 to New York from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$67,233,155 to New York from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make New York and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 437,000 New York families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 3,194,000 families here in New York will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In New York, there are 1,891,900 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in New York, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking New Yorkers to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$252,453,000 in funding for job training and employment services in New York. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in New York has only increased \$144 since 2000 and health care and energy prices continue to climb. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For New York's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In New York, 384,720 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$2,364,817,687 for New York hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many New Yorkers. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for New York's 2,842,800 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 325,445 New York children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 49,127 New York children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.35 in New York since January 2001, an increase of approximately 95 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for New York environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$43,629,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help New York improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$29,153 for a typical middle-income family of four in New York. [CTJ, 10/06]



## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION:**

### **Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for North Carolina Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for North Carolina and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

#### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To North Carolina's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 767,048 veterans in North Carolina receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 35,459 brave North Carolinians, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$128,794,856 to North Carolina from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$31,268,675 to North Carolina from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make North Carolina and our nation more secure.

#### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 69,000 North Carolina families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 509,000 families here in North Carolina will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In North Carolina, there are 734,000 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in North Carolina, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking North Carolinians to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$104,376,000 in funding for job training and employment services in North Carolina. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in North Carolina has dropped by \$1,717 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For North Carolina's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In North Carolina, 266,110 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$784,654,550 for North Carolina hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many North Carolinians. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for North Carolina's 1,354,500 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 77,003 North Carolina children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 19,003 North Carolina children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.14 in North Carolina since January 2001, an increase of approximately 82 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for North Carolina environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$7,134,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help North Carolina improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$28,030 for a typical middle-income family of four in North Carolina. [CTJ, 10/06]



## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION:**

### **Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for North Dakota Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for North Dakota and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

#### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To North Dakota's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 55,374 veterans in North Dakota receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 4,420 brave North Dakotans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$48,530,232 to North Dakota from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$12,118,993 to North Dakota from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make North Dakota and our nation more secure.

#### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 2,000 North Dakota families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 17,000 families here in North Dakota will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In North Dakota, there are 61,700 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in North Dakota, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking North Dakotans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$10,978,000 in funding for job training and employment services in North Dakota. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed a staggering 65,000 North Dakota residents live below the federal poverty level. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For North Dakota's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In North Dakota, 14,810 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$34,658,035 for North Dakota hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many North Dakotans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for North Dakota's 97,600 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 8,559 North Dakota children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 2,353 North Dakota children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.02 in North Dakota since January 2001, an increase of approximately 66 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for North Dakota environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$1,940,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help North Dakota improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$26,641 for a typical middle-income family of four in North Dakota. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Ohio Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Ohio and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Ohio's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 1,051,684 veterans in Ohio receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 46,005 brave Ohioans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$160,977,546 to Ohio from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETTP) – which awarded \$36,427,471 to Ohio from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Ohio and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 120,000 Ohio families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 881,000 families here in Ohio will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Ohio, there are 899,600 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Ohio, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Ohioans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$189,268,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Ohio. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Ohio has dropped by \$3,130 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Ohio's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Ohio, 242,040 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$941,563,092 for Ohio hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Ohioans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Ohio's 1,804,300 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 115,446 Ohio children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 38,021 Ohio children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.04 in Ohio since January 2001, an increase of approximately 71 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Ohio environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$22,252,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Ohio improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$28,916 for a typical middle-income family of four in Ohio. [CTJ, 10/06]





## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Oklahoma Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Oklahoma and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Oklahoma's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 355,312 veterans in Oklahoma receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 18,245 brave Oklahomans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$78,895,074 to Oklahoma from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$19,114,300 to Oklahoma from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Oklahoma and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 16,000 Oklahoma families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 116,000 families here in Oklahoma will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Oklahoma, there are 324,000 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Oklahoma, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Oklahomans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$33,786,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Oklahoma. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as a staggering 458,000 Oklahomans live below the federal poverty level. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Oklahoma's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Oklahoma, 130,780 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$314,441,236 for Oklahoma hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Oklahomans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Oklahoma's 608,500 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 30,644 Oklahoma children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 13,915 Oklahoma children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.14 in Oklahoma since January 2001, an increase of approximately 87 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Oklahoma environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$3,193,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Oklahoma improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$28,680 for a typical middle-income family of four in Oklahoma. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Oregon Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Oregon and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Oregon's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 366,780 veterans in Oregon receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 18,614 brave Oregonians, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$75,410,892 to Oregon from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$16,410,052 to Oregon from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Oregon and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 37,000 Oregon families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 270,000 families here in Oregon will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Oregon, there are 341,200 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Oregon, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Oregonians to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$69,990,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Oregon. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Oregon has dropped by \$4,617 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Oregon's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Oregon, 99,680 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$222,940,377 for Oregon hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Oregonians. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Oregon's 555,700 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 31,166 Oregon children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 8,792 Oregon children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.35 in Oregon since January 2001, an increase of approximately 89 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Oregon environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$4,465,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Oregon improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$28,585 for a typical middle-income family of four in Oregon. [CTJ, 10/06]



## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Pennsylvania Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Pennsylvania and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Pennsylvania's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 1,145,918 veterans in Pennsylvania receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 58,004 brave Pennsylvanians, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$170,175,112 to Pennsylvania from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$39,959,677 to Pennsylvania from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Pennsylvania and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 114,000 Pennsylvania families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 837,000 families here in Pennsylvania will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Pennsylvania, there are 983,800 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Pennsylvania, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Pennsylvanians to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$154,188,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Pennsylvania. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Pennsylvania has dropped by \$79 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Pennsylvania's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Pennsylvania, 281,080 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$1,730,592,816 for Pennsylvania hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Pennsylvanians. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Pennsylvania's 1,785,000 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 132,680 Pennsylvania children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 32,282 Pennsylvania children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.20 in Pennsylvania since January 2001, an increase of approximately 84 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Pennsylvania environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$15,657,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Pennsylvania improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$28,056 for a typical middle-income family of four in Pennsylvania. [CTJ, 10/06]



## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Rhode Island Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Rhode Island and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Rhode Island's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 91,160 veterans in Rhode Island receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 4,082 brave Rhode Islanders, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$51,017,661 to Rhode Island from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$11,520,422 to Rhode Island from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Rhode Island and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 13,000 Rhode Island families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 98,000 families here in Rhode Island will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Rhode Island, there are 100,000 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Rhode Island, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Rhode Islanders to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$11,429,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Rhode Island. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Rhode Island has only increased \$574 since 2000 and health care and energy prices continue to climb. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Rhode Island's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Rhode Island, 20,260 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$170,154,922 for Rhode Island hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Rhode Islanders. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Rhode Island's 159,600 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 13,050 Rhode Island children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 3,150 Rhode Island children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.11 in Rhode Island since January 2001, an increase of approximately 73 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Rhode Island environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$2,654,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Rhode Island improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$29,099 for a typical middle-income family of four in Rhode Island. [CTJ, 10/06]





## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION:**

### **Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for South Carolina Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for South Carolina and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

#### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To South Carolina's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 413,551 veterans in South Carolina receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 22,580 brave South Carolinians, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$86,534,018 to South Carolina from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$18,168,552 to South Carolina from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make South Carolina and our nation more secure.

#### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 26,000 South Carolina families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 190,000 families here in South Carolina will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In South Carolina, there are 339,900 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in South Carolina, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking South Carolinians to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$78,241,000 in funding for job training and employment services in South Carolina. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in South Carolina has dropped by \$2,543 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For South Carolina's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In South Carolina, 102,060 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$443,800,850 for South Carolina hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many South Carolinians. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for South Carolina's 688,800 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 47,860 South Carolina children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 12,248 South Carolina children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.07 in South Carolina since January 2001, an increase of approximately 81 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for South Carolina environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$4,050,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help South Carolina improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$28,540 for a typical middle-income family of four in South Carolina. [CTJ, 10/06]



## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION:**

### **Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for South Dakota Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for South Dakota and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

#### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To South Dakota's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 73,400 veterans in South Dakota receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 9,226 brave South Dakotans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$47,897,052 to South Dakota from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$11,181,474 to South Dakota from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make South Dakota and our nation more secure.

#### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 2,000 South Dakota families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 15,000 families here in South Dakota will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In South Dakota, there are 77,600 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in South Dakota, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking South Dakotans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$10,803,000 in funding for job training and employment services in South Dakota. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as 96,000 South Dakotans live below the federal poverty level – an increase of 29,000 people since 2000. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For South Dakota's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In South Dakota, 18,080 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$56,986,975 for South Dakota hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many South Dakotans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for South Dakota's 122,700 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 10,366 South Dakota children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 2,827 South Dakota children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.07 in South Dakota since January 2001, an increase of approximately 71 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for South Dakota environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$1,940,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help South Dakota improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$28,080 for a typical middle-income family of four in South Dakota. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Tennessee Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Tennessee and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Tennessee's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 540,777 veterans in Tennessee receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 42,995 brave Tennesseans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$97,898,357 to Tennessee from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$20,601,584 to Tennessee from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Tennessee and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 17,000 Tennessee families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 128,000 families here in Tennessee will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Tennessee, there are 513,000 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Tennessee, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Tennesseans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$82,356,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Tennessee. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Tennessee has dropped by \$1,341 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Tennessee's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Tennessee, 144,840 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$836,241,893 for Tennessee hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Tennesseans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Tennessee's 923,900 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 52,221 Tennessee children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 16,445 Tennessee children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.07 in Tennessee since January 2001, an increase of approximately 80 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Tennessee environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$5,742,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Tennessee improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$27,790 for a typical middle-income family of four in Tennessee. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Texas Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Texas and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Texas' Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 1,681,748 veterans in Texas receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 185,030 brave Texans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$277,028,279 to Texas from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$70,936,283 to Texas from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Texas and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 118,000 Texas families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 865,000 families here in Texas will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Texas, there are 1,988,900 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Texas, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Texans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$319,381,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Texas. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Texas has dropped by \$2,441 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Texas' Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Texas, 1,366,710 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$1,586,784,434 for Texas hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Texans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Texas' 4,365,200 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 299,348 Texas children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 67,327 Texas children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.12 in Texas since January 2001, an increase of approximately 84 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Texas environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$18,066,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Texas improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$29,075 for a typical middle-income family of four in Texas. [CTJ, 10/06]



## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Utah Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Utah and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Utah's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 151,129 veterans in Utah receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 9,711 brave Utahans, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$63,395,325 to Utah from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETTP) – which awarded \$14,113,118 to Utah from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Utah and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 13,000 Utah families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 100,000 families here in Utah will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Utah, there are 224,300 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Utah, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Utahans to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$25,774,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Utah. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Utah has dropped by \$230 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Utah's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Utah, 96,170 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$99,231,473 for Utah hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Utahans. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Utah's 498,200 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 15,244 Utah children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 5,518 Utah children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.16 in Utah since January 2001, an increase of approximately 86 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Utah environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$2,083,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Utah improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$27,930 for a typical middle-income family of four in Utah. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Vermont Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Vermont and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Vermont's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 57,802 veterans in Vermont receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 3,995 brave Vermonters, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$49,315,415 to Vermont from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$11,259,424 to Vermont from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Vermont and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 5,000 Vermont families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 43,000 families here in Vermont will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Vermont, there are 79,000 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Vermont, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Vermonters to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$7,993,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Vermont. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as a staggering 48,000 Vermonters live below the federal poverty level. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Vermont's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Vermont, 8,420 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$30,792,081 for Vermont hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Vermonters. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Vermont's 93,700 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 7,696 Vermont children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 1,569 Vermont children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.14 in Vermont since January 2001, an increase of approximately 77 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Vermont environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$1,940,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Vermont improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$27,753 for a typical middle-income family of four in Vermont. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Virginia Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Virginia and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Virginia's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 750,951 veterans in Virginia receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 36,928 brave Virginians, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$116,654,666 to Virginia from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$26,199,787 to Virginia from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Virginia and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 89,000 Virginia families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 651,000 families here in Virginia will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Virginia, there are 621,700 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Virginia, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Virginians to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$52,347,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Virginia. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Virginia has dropped by \$1,111 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Virginia's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Virginia, 170,100 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$647,480,380 for Virginia hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Virginians. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Virginia's 1,193,200 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 49,657 Virginia children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 13,696 Virginia children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.07 in Virginia since January 2001, an increase of approximately 77 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Virginia environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$8,089,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Virginia improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$29,544 for a typical middle-income family of four in Virginia. [CTJ, 10/06]



## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Washington Families**

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The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Washington's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 632,927 veterans in Washington receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 44,888 brave Washingtonians, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$108,560,105 to Washington from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$26,886,129 to Washington from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Washington and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 35,000 Washington families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 258,000 families here in Washington will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]
- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Washington, there are 561,300 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]

- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Washington, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Washingtonians to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$92,868,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Washington. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Washington has only increased \$383 since 2000 and health care and energy prices continue to climb. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Washington's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Washington, 128,210 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$339,898,605 for Washington hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Washingtonians. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Washington's 1,008,500 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 45,951 Washington children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 11,102 Washington children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.37 in Washington since January 2001, an increase of approximately 92 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Washington environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$6,874,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Washington improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$28,549 for a typical middle-income family of four in Washington. [CTJ, 10/06]





## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION:**

### **Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for West Virginia Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for West Virginia and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

#### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To West Virginia's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 188,102 veterans in West Virginia receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 12,586 brave West Virginians, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$61,331,517 to West Virginia from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$15,393,097 to West Virginia from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make West Virginia and our nation more secure.

#### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 6,000 West Virginia families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 45,000 families here in West Virginia will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In West Virginia, there are 123,300 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in West Virginia, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking West Virginians to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$23,611,000 in funding for job training and employment services in West Virginia. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as a staggering 265,000 West Virginians live below the federal poverty level. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For West Virginia's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In West Virginia, 35,790 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$236,064,339 for West Virginia hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many West Virginians. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for West Virginia's 273,500 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 21,256 West Virginia children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 7,610 West Virginia children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.22 in West Virginia since January 2001, an increase of approximately 87 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for West Virginia environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$6,162,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help West Virginia improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$27,371 for a typical middle-income family of four in West Virginia. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Wisconsin Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Wisconsin and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Wisconsin's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 474,594 veterans in Wisconsin receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 20,529 brave Wisconsinites, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$98,298,345 to Wisconsin from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$22,798,398 to Wisconsin from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Wisconsin and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 51,000 Wisconsin families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 379,000 families here in Wisconsin will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Wisconsin, there are 435,900 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Wisconsin, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Wisconsinites to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$54,865,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Wisconsin. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as family income in Wisconsin has dropped by \$6,347 since 2000, while health care and energy prices are climbing. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Wisconsin's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Wisconsin, 92,040 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$355,013,266 for Wisconsin hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Wisconsinites. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Wisconsin's 858,700 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 54,452 Wisconsin children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 13,538 Wisconsin children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.05 in Wisconsin since January 2001, an increase of approximately 68 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Wisconsin environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$10,686,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Wisconsin improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$28,856 for a typical middle-income family of four in Wisconsin. [CTJ, 10/06]

## **THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION: Fiscally Responsible With the Right Priorities for Wyoming Families**

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is working to make progress for the American people on the toughest challenges we face – challenges that have gone unaddressed for years in Washington. Now, there's a new direction for Wyoming and for America. This week, the House will pass H. Con. Res. 99, the Budget Resolution for FY 2008. This budget is fiscally responsible with the right priorities for America. It will restore fiscal responsibility and accountability to Washington; strengthen our national defense; and invest in the next generation and America's prosperity.

The Democratic House Budget:

### **Strengthens Our National Defense And Honors Promises To Wyoming's Brave Troops And Veterans.**

- The House budget provides for the largest veterans' budget increase in American history – \$3.5 billion more this year (\$32 billion over the next five years) for veterans' health care than the President's budget. These additional resources are needed to provide excellent health care for new veterans, repair VA health care facilities, make needed investments in veterans' mental health care and traumatic brain injury, and speed up and improve the accuracy of disability claims processing.
- These improvements are needed to ensure that the 54,941 veterans in Wyoming receive care worthy of their sacrifice. It is also critical for the 5,417 brave Wyomingites, who have served their country in Afghanistan and Iraq since September 2001, many of whom will need VA health care services. [Veterans Administration, 9/04; Department of Defense, 2/07]
- The House budget provides six percent more in areas that deal with homeland security, rejecting the cuts to vital first responder and terrorism prevention programs included in the President's FY 2008 budget.
- Under the President's budget, the State Homeland Security Grant Program – which awarded \$45,356,826 to Wyoming from 2003 to 2006 – would be slashed by 52 percent. The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) – which awarded \$10,616,846 to Wyoming from 2004 to 2006 – would be eliminated. [Department of Homeland Security, 1/07]
- The Democrats' budget also includes funds to begin implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations to make Wyoming and our nation more secure.

### **Invests in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce And A Growing Economy And Protects Middle-Class Tax Relief.**

- The Democratic House budget makes a sustained commitment to research and development and education – investments that are part of our Innovation Agenda: A Commitment to Competitiveness to Keep America #1.
- The Democratic House budget supports middle-class tax cuts and protects middle-income families from a tax increase by setting up a reserve fund for a long-term fix for the alternative minimum tax (AMT). In 2004, 2,000 Wyoming families were subject to the AMT – and if nothing is done to fix the system, an estimated 15,000 families here in Wyoming will be subject to the AMT in 2007. [CRS, 6/06]

- Small businesses employ nearly half of all workers and create three out four new jobs in America. In Wyoming, there are 60,000 small businesses that serve as the engine of the economy. [SBA, 2006]
- To spur economic growth and support small businesses here in Wyoming, the House budget rejects the President's proposal to cut the Small Business Administration by 26 percent from last year's request and 56 percent from 2001.
- The House budget also recognizes the importance of job training for hardworking Wyomingites to keep America competitive with a highly-skilled workforce. It rejects the President's cuts that eliminate \$9,260,000 in funding for job training and employment services in Wyoming. [FFIS, 2/07]
- These investments to a growing economy for America's families are needed as a staggering 52,000 Wyoming residents live below the federal poverty level. [Census, 8/06]

### **Restores Funding For Wyoming's Children And Working Families, Giving Them Greater Opportunities To Succeed.**

- In Wyoming, 13,530 of children do not have health insurance. The House budget helps these children by increasing funding for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) – reducing the number of uninsured kids across America by millions. [Kaiser State Health Facts, 2005]
- The House Democratic budget also rejects the Administration's proposal to cut Medicare funding by \$21,865,523 for Wyoming hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and home health care providers – because it would make health care less accessible and affordable for many Wyomingites. [American Hospital Association, 2/07]
- The House budget provides substantially more funding for Wyoming's 83,400 children enrolled in public elementary, middle and high schools – providing nearly \$8 billion more in 2008 and 11 percent more over the next five years for education and training programs than requested by the President. [Department of Education, 8/05]
- This will increase resources for No Child Left Behind, special education and Head Start – rejecting harsh cuts and underfunding for these critical education programs included in the President's budget.
- Under the President's budget, 8,150 Wyoming children will go without promised help in reading and math and Head Start – a vital program for 1,792 Wyoming children – is cut by 1.5 percent below the 2007 level. [Senate Appropriations Committee Staff, 2/07; Administration for Children & Families, 6/06]

### **Provides Funding For Initiatives To Protect Our Environment And Preserve Our Planet.**

- The Democratic House budget invests in renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce global warming, and promote new technologies that can create American jobs.
- Creates a reserve fund that could target up to \$14 billion over 10 years to invest in clean, renewable alternative energy and energy efficiency paid for by redirecting oil subsidies.
- Ending our addiction to foreign oil is a key step in ensuring that energy will be more affordable for America's families in the future and that America's families are not at the whim of overseas oil cartels.
- Gas prices have increased by \$1.10 in Wyoming since January 2001, an increase of approximately 81 percent. [EIA, 3/07 & 1/01; AAA Fuel Gauge Report, 3/07]
- Democrats restore funding for Wyoming environmental programs cut by the President's budget – including \$1,940,000 in Clean Water revolving loan funds that help Wyoming improve wastewater treatment. [FFIS, 2/07]

### **Restores Fiscal Responsibility To Washington.**

- The House budget puts in place the tough "pay as you go" budget rules to begin to reverse the record budget deficits accumulated under Republican leadership.
- Republicans' irresponsible economic policies of the past six years have left a debt burden of \$26,923 for a typical middle-income family of four in Wyoming. [CTJ, 10/06]



