

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 12, 1999

The Speaker of the

House of Representatives

Sir:

In accordance with provisions of the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1999, as included in Public Law 105-277, I hereby request and make available appropriations of \$100,000,000 in budget authority for the Department of Health and Human Services' Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. These funds will enable the Department to support the needs of 16 States in the Eastern United States -- as well as the District of Columbia -- that are suffering from extreme hot weather conditions. These States are Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

I designate the amount made available as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of William J. Clinton in black ink.

Enclosure



THE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

July 12, 1999

The President

The White House

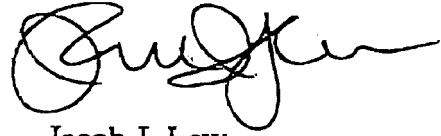
Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available emergency appropriations for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Your approval of this request would make available previously appropriated funds to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to address the needs of 16 eastern States -- and the District of Columbia -- that are suffering from extremely hot weather conditions.

The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1999, as included in Public Law 105-277, provided \$300 million for LIHEAP contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. HHS analysis of weather conditions to date shows that these 16 States and the District of Columbia have suffered particularly severe heat. We will continue to monitor conditions across the country.

I recommend that you designate this request for \$100 million as an emergency funding requirement in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. No further congressional action will be required.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary of Health and Human Services in recommending that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacob J. Lew". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jacob J. Lew
Director

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**EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED
MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Low income home energy assistance program..... \$100,000,000

The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1999, as included in Public Law 105-277, provided \$300,000,000 for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. None of these funds have yet been designated as an emergency fund and made available.

At this time, \$100 million of the total \$300 million in contingent funding is required to support needs arising from the extreme hot weather in Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.