

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 3, 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 \$55,000,000 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 nine States in the Northern, Central, and Midwestern regions of the United States that are suffering from extreme hot weather conditions. These States are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wisconsin. These funds are in addition to the \$100,000,000 that I made available on July 12th to support these emergency needs.

I designate the \$55,000,000 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 cursive script.

Enclosure



THE DIRECTOR

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

August 3, 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 nine States 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. On July 12th, you released \$100 million to provide support to 16 States and the District of Columbia suffering from particularly severe heat.

I recommend that you designate this request for \$55 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".

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..... \$55,000,000

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.

On July 12, 1999, \$100,000,000 was released to support the needs of 16 States and the District of Columbia that were suffering from extremely hot weather conditions. At this time, an additional \$55,000,000 of the remaining \$200,000,000 in contingent funding is required to support needs arising from the extreme hot weather in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wisconsin.