

FEDERAL BUDGET URGENT UPDATE

This alert differs from those you have received over the last few days in that:

1. A full House of Representatives vote has been scheduled for this Thursday.
2. This vote is to include a \$15 billion increase in entitlement cuts.
3. It is believed that at least one half of the additional \$15 billion in cuts will come from the House Ways & Means committee (TANF, EITC, SSI, Foster Care, Child Care); CT Congresswoman Nancy Johnson is a senior member of that committee.
4. This vote is more certain to include across the board cuts in domestic discretionary spending.

What you can do:

Ask CT's House members to vote NO on the budget resolution.

Sample phone message:

Hello, my name is _____ and I live in _____, CT. Please vote NO on any budget resolution that includes: 1) entitlement cuts (including through reconciliation); 2) across the board domestic discretionary cuts; 3) reconciliation spending cuts; 4) reconciliation tax cuts; 5) or other tax cuts.

For all House members, you can call toll free: 1-800-426-8073
or you can call directly to:

1. Rep. John Larson: (202) 225-2265 or (860) 278-8888
2. Rep. Rob Simmons: (202) 225-2076 or (860) 886-0139
3. Rep. Rosa DeLauro: (202) 225-3661 or (203)-562-3718
4. Rep. Chris Shays: (202) 225-5541 or (203) 579-5870
5. Rep. Nancy Johnson: (202) 225-4476 or (860) 223-8412

Further details:

- A vote has just been scheduled for this Thursday in the House of Representatives on a new budget resolution
- The vote is expected to require deeper cuts to programs such as Medicaid, Food Stamps, TANF, Unemployment Insurance, SSI and Child Welfare
- Entitlement cuts (through reconciliation instructions) are proposed to increase by \$15 billion (from \$35 billion to \$50 billion.)
- It is believed that at least one half of the additional \$15 billion in cuts will come from the House Ways & Means committee (TANF, EITC, SSI, Foster Care, Child Care); CT Congresswoman Nancy Johnson is a senior member of that committee.
- There may also be across the board cuts in domestic appropriations, which could affect funding for programs related to the environment, education, housing, veterans and many other programs.
- Last spring, all five CT House members voted against the budget resolution. All CT House members *except Rep. Johnson* voted against the House budget in March. All of Connecticut's House Republicans, *except for Rep. Johnson*, signed on to a House Republican letter opposing Medicaid cuts. Urge them all to again show their support for our neediest residents and vote NO
- This is likely to be a largely partisan vote; we need all members of Connecticut's delegation to vote NO

Katie McKeon has shared this budget alert with our association.