



Proposed budget cuts of 51% in Low Income Home Energy Assistance will impact more than the federal budget.

The federal block grant program known as LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) is scheduled for a decrease in funding by nearly 51%. For the many families throughout the area who will not be able to afford to heat their homes this winter, this news is a terrible blow.

By simply checking the Washington Area Fuel Fund (WAFF) box on the Washington Gas bill stub that you return with your payment, and adding as little as \$1 to your payment, you can make a big difference for a family that needs help.

Many of the families you will help have small children. According to Children's HealthWatch, babies and toddlers in unheated households are more likely to be in poor health, hospitalized and at risk for developmental problems.

For over 25 years, WAFF has paid for **all** types of fuel to heat homes of families that need assistance. Because Washington Gas pays WAFF's administrative expenses and The Salvation Army administers the fund, every dollar of your tax-deductible contribution goes directly to supply heat.

For more information about the critical work that WAFF does, visit washingtonareafuelfund.org.

If you are already contributing to WAFF, our sincerest thanks. For additional ways to help, please see the back of this insert.

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(Please turn over for ways to give.)

Several convenient ways to give:

- **Log on to washingtonareafuelfund.org** and make a contribution at the WAFF website.
- **Add a donation to your gas bill payment when you can.** Simply check the box located on the Washington Gas bill stub that you return with your payment, and add the amount of your contribution to your payment.
- **Make a pledge for a fixed monthly contribution.** Use the attached pledge form to have the amount of your monthly pledge automatically included in your gas bill. You can cancel your contribution at anytime. *(If you pledge a fixed amount, please do not check the Washington Area Fuel Fund box on your gas bill.)*
- **Make a contribution when paying your gas bill online or by phone.** Log on to our website at washingtongas.com, or call our Automated Services Line at 703-750-7944.
- **Mail a one-time contribution.** Make your check payable to WAFF and send it to: P.O. Box 1999, Washington, DC 20013.



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WAFF Monthly Pledge Form

To pledge, simply complete, sign and return this form to Washington Gas, P.O. Box 1999, Washington, DC 20013.

Starting next month, I wish to add the following tax-deductible contribution to my gas bill. I understand that

I may cancel at anytime (check one):

\$50 \$20 \$10 \$5 Other \$ _____

(the minimum monthly pledge is \$2)

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Washington Gas account number (as provided on your gas bill)

Signature