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President Trump and Director Vought:

Recent media reports<sup>1</sup> say that the Office of Management and Budget will soon seek to rescind more than \$9.3 billion in Congressionally appropriated funding — which may include funds for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

LIHEAP is a life saving program. If these reports are indeed true, we stand against any rescission of LIHEAP funding. This comes at a pivotal time when the FY26 budget, moving forward, is reported to slash crucial Health and Human Services dollars, including the funding for LIHEAP.<sup>2</sup>

LIHEAP provides immediate relief to Arizona families and seniors struggling to cover the costs of home energy bills, or to cover the cost of repairing a faulty air conditioning unit. Nearly 28,000 households relied on this program in 2023 to heat or cool their homes.<sup>3</sup>

In the Arizona summers, when temperatures can climb well into the triple digits, this assistance is nothing short of life saving. Extreme heat in Arizona led to more than 600 deaths in 2024,<sup>4</sup> nearly a quarter of which occurred indoors in uncooled environments. According to public health officials, in most cases, an AC unit was present but was not working, was without electricity or turned off.<sup>5</sup> Temperatures in Phoenix have already hit 100 degrees—about three weeks earlier than normal.<sup>6</sup> Without access to cooling assistance, seniors, children, and people with pre-existing health conditions will be at risk of heat-related illnesses or even death.

In Arizona, the program is already oversubscribed—just 5 percent of the population eligible by income is able to access LIHEAP funding.<sup>7</sup> Congress appropriated \$4.1 billion for LIHEAP for fiscal year (FY) 2025 and every dollar is important to continue this program.

We demand you to continue this life-saving program at its full, Congressionally approved amount.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://punchbowl.news/archive/41425-pm/> - Punchbowl PM 4/14/25

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2025/04/16/hhs-budget-cut-trump/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://liheappm.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/private/congress/profiles/2023/FY2023ArizonaProfile-508Compliant.pdf>


<sup>4</sup> <https://www.maricopa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=3222#:~:text=The%20Maricopa%20County%20Department%20of,eight%20deaths%20remaining%20under%20investigation>

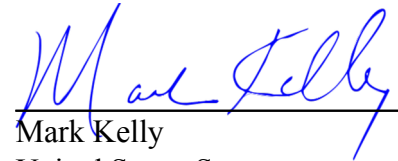
<sup>5</sup> <https://apnews.com/article/extreme-heat-deaths-air-conditioning-095cc1820abab04ed9729c6de73f21ce>


<sup>6</sup> <https://www.foxweather.com/weather-news/phoenix-already-hit-100-degrees-summer-outlook>

<sup>7</sup> <https://liheappm.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/private/congress/profiles/2023/FY2023ArizonaProfile-508Compliant.pdf>

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