

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 88

(By Delegates White, Boggs, Caputo and Fragale)

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Urging members of the West Virginia delegation to the United States Congress to oppose any action by Congress or the President to reduce funding for Community Service Block Grants.

WHEREAS, Community Service Block Grants (CSBG) are a critical source of funding for Community Action Agencies across the country; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies provide housing, nutrition, health care, education and weatherization programs to low-income families, equipping them with the tools they need to become successful members of society; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia has sixteen Community Action Agencies that employ 2,180 individuals; and

WHEREAS, Our sixteen Community Action Agencies serve all of West Virginia's fifty-five counties; and

WHEREAS, In 2009 close to 112,000 West Virginians, over 55,000 families, received services through Community Action Agencies; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies are an essential component of economic recovery, as their main objective is the elimination of poverty; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2009, West Virginia Community Action Agencies
2 leveraged \$18,194,807 in Community Service Block Grants into more
3 than \$90 million in additional resources for antipoverty efforts in
4 West Virginia; and

5 WHEREAS, President Obama has proposed a fifty percent reduction
6 of Community Service Block Grants funding and made the remaining
7 funds competitive instead of continuing the current allocation
8 formula; therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

10 That the Legislature hereby urges the members of the West
11 Virginia Delegation to the United States Congress to oppose any
12 action by Congress or the President to reduce funding for Community
13 Service Block Grants; and, be it

14 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk of the House of Delegates
15 forward a certified copy of this resolution to the President and
16 Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the
17 United States House of Representatives, members of the West
18 Virginia Congressional Delegation and the President of the United
19 States.