

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

(By Senators Kessler (Acting President), Unger, Browning, Green,
Foster, Jenkins, McCabe, Laird, Prezioso, Minard and Williams)

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

Whereas, In 2009, West Virginia Community Action Agencies

1 leveraged \$18,194,807 in Community Service Block Grants into more
2 than \$90 million in additional resources for anti-poverty efforts
3 in West Virginia; and

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

8 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

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

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