Coalition To Keep Michigan Warm Heads To Washington, D.C. For LIHEAP Action Day
Advocacy group to urge Members of Congress to keep energy assistance programs alive

(Detroit, MI) - The Coalition to Keep Michigan Warm today participated in the 11th Annual National Fuel Funds Network’s LIHEAP Action Day. Coalition members visited Washington, D.C. for a day of outreach and grassroots lobbying to urge Members of Congress to protect funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs.

“We can’t stress how extremely important this day is to Michigan’s residents in need,” said Susan Shere, CEO of The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) who traveled to Washington for the event. “Last year, LIHEAP funding helped over 600,000 Michigan households – only half of those who qualify for assistance. But today, President Obama unveiled his 2014 budget, which includes more cuts to LIHEAP funding. We’re here today to urge Congress to restore LIHEAP funding and prevent any further cuts.”

LIHEAP Action Day will consist of a full day’s worth of meetings with Members of Congress to educate them on the positive impact LIHEAP funds have on Michiganders across the state. The Coalition will urge Congress to restore LIHEAP funding to $4.7 billion in Fiscal Year 2014 and to spare the program as drastic sequestration cuts take effect.

“Today’s meetings were very productive but our work to protect this important program will not stop here,” said Shere. “We will continue to encourage Michigan’s Congressional delegation to work in a bi-partisan manner to support LIHEAP.”

The Coalition to Keep Michigan Warm is a group of organizations including energy service providers, state governmental bodies, nonprofit energy assistance providers, and individual supporters with direct or indirect involvement in low-income household energy issues.

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