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The Honorable Robert Kennedy Jr.
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
330 C Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 2041

The Honorable Russell Vought
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 2050

Dear Secretary Kennedy and Director Vought,

I write today to urge the immediate release of funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) in the highest amount possible under the November 2025 Continuing Resolution.

Every year, thousands of our low-income families, seniors, and people with disabilities struggle to keep their homes at a safe temperature during New England's bitter cold. LIHEAP serves as a crucial lifeline for Massachusetts residents – and families across the country – who cannot afford to heat their homes. During the 2024-2025 heating season, the Massachusetts Home Energy Assistance Program provided over 159,000 Massachusetts households with financial assistance to heat their homes through the winter. The majority of those households, 54 percent, were seniors on a fixed income and approximately 11 percent of the households assisted have children under the age of 6.

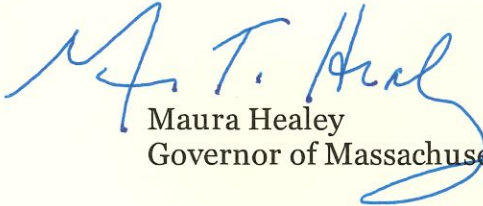
The shutdown of the federal government put the release of LIHEAP funds on hold. Now that the government has re-opened, we have been informed that the Trump Administration will not provide this heating assistance to families until the end of this month. This is unacceptable. With winter fast approaching and evening temperatures already below freezing, families across the country can't wait any longer.

LIHEAP has enjoyed bipartisan backing for decades because it works. To avoid leaving thousands of people literally out in the cold, I urge the Trump Administration to:

- Promptly release the highest allowable amount of LIHEAP funding authorized under the Continuing Resolution;
- Ensure that the program is fully staffed and operational so that states and community partners can implement their assistance plans without delay; and
- Provide clear guidance and coordination to the states regarding timelines, eligibility, and disbursement mechanisms.

Massachusetts stands ready to work with our community partners to quickly process applications and deliver LIHEAP assistance as soon as funding is restored. Any further delay in funding would jeopardize the safety of families, seniors, and people with disabilities as we enter the coldest months of the year. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



Maura Healey
Governor of Massachusetts