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To: NFFN members and allies

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The National Fuel Funds Network is hard at work planning Washington Action Day for LIHEAP, January 30, 2008. That's less than six weeks away. Washington Action Day for LIHEAP will be the signature event for LIHEAP lobbying in 2008. We expect more than 150 participants from NFFN's diverse membership of nonprofit, government and tribal agencies and utilities to blanket Capitol Hill in teams urging more funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

In brief, the schedule of activities for January 30 is:

- 8 a.m. — Group transportation from the Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1001 14 St., NW to the American Gas Association, 400 N. Capitol St., NW
- 8:30 a.m. — Briefing session at American Gas Association
- 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. — Participants meet with Senators, US Representatives and staff members in Senate and House office buildings
- Mid-morning Press conference in a Capitol Hill location
- Lunch on your own
- 4:30 p.m. — Debriefing session and reception at American Gas Association
- 5:30-7 p.m. — Capitol reception (RSVP)

Note: Briefing for early arriving participants 4:30-5:15 p.m., January 29, Franklin Room A, Hamilton Crowne Plaza. Reception follows in the hotel. NFFN has prepared a toolkit for your participation in Washington Action Day for LIHEAP.

The toolkit also suggests supporting activities on or about January 30 for NFFN members unable to travel to Washington. These activities complement the Washington event and amplify our uniform message for additional LIHEAP funding.

The Edison Electric Institute has prepared Advocacy 101 – A virtual guide.

It is full of useful tips for your trip to Washington, January 30. Go to www.eei.org/meetings/nonav_2008-01-28-gc/index.htm and scroll down.

The Campaign for Home Energy Assistance has produced a LIHEAP advocacy video.

The video is now available at www.liheap.org. Scroll down on the right-hand side of the page. NFFN and the campaign will provide DVDs of the video at Washington Action Day for LIHEAP. If you would like copies to mail ahead to your Representatives and Senators, please request them from NFFN's Johnetta Brown, Johnetta@nationalfuelfunds.org or 202-824-0660, in January.

For Washington Action Day for LIHEAP, the National Fuel Funds Network will provide:

- Briefings by the top Washington LIHEAP lobbyists
- Materials ahead of time and on the spot for making the strongest arguments for additional LIHEAP funds
- A press conference with Senators and Representatives that will add to the impact of our work that day
- A debriefing session to cull the legislative information gathered during the Day and a reception to exchange information with peers
- A group rate at a Washington hotel.

Please begin your participation in Washington Action Day for LIHEAP now.

1. Plan to travel to Washington, Tuesday, January 29. At 4:30 p.m. NFFN will provide an early briefing for Action Day participants who are not attending the Edison Electric Institute Low Income Best Practices Workshop (see below). It will be in Franklin Room A at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza, 1001 14 St., NW. Then, attend the joint reception with EEI Workshop participants from 5:30–7:30 p.m. There also will be a post-Action Day reception on Capitol Hill, January 30, also 5:30-7:30 p.m.
2. Register for Action Day and get information on how to book your discount hotel room at the end of the form. You also may book your room by calling the Hamilton Crowne Plaza, 1001 14 St., NW, Washington, DC at 800-263-9802. Ask for the EEI/NFFN rate of \$189/night. This discount rate ends January 4, 2008.

Also view footage and photos on past NFFN Washington Action Days.

As in 2007, NFFN is coordinating Washington Action Day for LIHEAP with the Edison Electric Institute Low Income Best Practices Workshop, January 28 and 29. That way, many electric company representatives will be right in DC on the Action Day eve.

Thanks for working with us to make NFFN's Washington Action Day for LIHEAP, January 30, 2008, the smashing success it will be.