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## LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN JEOPARDY OF DEEP BUDGET CUTS

*News Conference*

*Friday, March 18, 2011*

*2:30pm*

*1861 Ames Blvd.,*

*Marrero*

Today, March 18, 2011, 2:30pm, Jefferson Parish leaders, Entergy, and metro area advocates will host a news conference at the Marrero Community Center, 1861 Ames Boulevard, to call for Congress and President Obama to stop plans to cut funding for Low Income Home Energy Assistant Program (LIHEAP).

A recent recommendation by President Obama to cut LIHEAP funding by 50% nationwide could put local Community Action Program (CAP) agencies and the low-income populations they serve in dire circumstances.

The President's recommendation would effectively eliminate energy assistance provided to 50,000 families in Louisiana; that amounts to a 67% cut or \$38.8 million dollars statewide that helps impoverished families.

Jefferson Parish President John Young, Jefferson Parish Council members, JeffCap Director Jedidiah Jackson, and Entergy New Orleans Director of Customer Service Melonie Hall are expected to be joined by Louisiana Public Service Commissioner Eric Skrmetta, New Orleans City Council members, St. Charles Parish Director of Community Services Joan Diaz, New Orleans Total Community Action President and CEO Thelma French, Plaquemines Parish Director of Public Service Byron Williams, Jr., and Lorie Zylicz, Director of St. Bernard Housing.

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