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ACTION ALERT:

PROTECT THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM FROM A PROPOSED \$20 M Cut

Dear State Government Affairs Professionals, JCRC Directors, and Other Interested Parties:

We have an important opportunity to protect the Emergency Food and Shelter Program from a proposed \$20 million cut Congress will consider later this month. Please contact your House delegation, encourage their careful consideration of this invitation, and urge them to join Reps. Duffy and Scott in signing onto the letter in support of the EFSP program.

Representatives Sean Duffy (R-WI) and Bobby Scott (D-VA) are circulating the attached Dear Colleague letter in support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). The letter supports the EFSP provision adopted by the House Appropriations Committee as part of the Homeland Security Appropriations bill for FY 2017, and urges the Committee to keep the provision, as adopted, in the final spending package to be determined later this month. A competing Senate Appropriations Committee-adopted provision would cut the program's funding by \$20 million, in addition to the \$80 million in cuts Congress made to the program since FY 2011.

The deadline for signing on is November 16, 2016. To sign the letter, interested office should contact Paige Schwartz in Rep. Bobby Scott's office at paige.schwartz@mail.house.gov or Alex Sarnowski in Rep. Sean Duffy's office at Alex.Sarnowski@mail.house.gov.

Please make this timely outreach and please **keep me informed of any feedback you receive from offices you reach**, so that I can help Paige and Alex manage the logistics and ensure that all interested Members s are signed-on to the letter prior to the deadline passing.

This is an important and timely push given the gravity of a potential \$20 million program cut. Thank you for your interest and immediate assistance. For more information please Rob Goldberg, Senior Director, Legislative Affairs, The Jewish Federations of North America - rob.goldberg@jewishfederations.org

Sample Message for contacting your Representative

"I am pleased to inform you that **Representatives Sean Duffy (R-WI) and Bobby Scott (D-VA)** are circulating the attached Dear Colleague letter in support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). This is a critical program that supports the work of our organization and benefits those living in our community most in need. Specifically, the letter supports the EFSP provision ALREADY adopted by the House Appropriations Committee as part of the Homeland Security Appropriations bill for FY 2017, and the letter urges the Committee to keep the provision, as adopted, in the final spending package to be determined later this month.

We respectfully urge your office to join Reps. Duffy and Scott in signing onto the letter in support of the EFSP program.

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Thank you for your serious consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Please attach the Duffy and Scott letter and send it to your Representative. [Click here.](#)