

Fact Sheet for the National Day of Action!

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Hunger and Food Security:

- The following link is a letter to Congress addressing the 42 million people in the United States who are dealing with hunger, 13 million that are children. <http://frac.org/wp-content/uploads/naho-signers-list-2017.pdf>
- The Food Research and Action Center has many interactive data bases that help to address US hunger solutions. <http://frac.org/action>
- Mazon, a Jewish group dedicated to ending hunger, is driving a hunger tractor trailer around the US to address food instability.
- Video on threat to block grant SNAP food assistance:
 - <http://www.cbpp.org/research/food-assistance/snap-and-the-threat-of-block-grants>

Housing and Homelessness Programs

- The recent budget cuts to HUD in the proposed budget will result in many families losing help from programs that the 6.2 billion dollars in cuts used to fund.
- The cuts also eliminate programs that would help prevent and alleviate homelessness and associated health problems of those who are homeless.
- Housing insecurity is another major issue, with nearly "19 million low-income US households paying over half their income on housing."

Budget Proposal

- There is a possibility that under the new budget important agencies will be eliminated such as the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.
- Other agencies will have to deal with major cuts such as the Housing and Urban Development programs.
- The American Center for Progress says that the new Agenda can really hurt people, such as health and basic living standards such as education, affordable housing and nutrition.
- CEO of the Habitat for Humanity International says that:
 - "Perhaps more than ever before, middle and lower income households in the U.S. are shouldering heavy housing cost burdens and facing a variety of health, education, financial stability and other challenges resulting from or complicated by lack of access to decent, stable housing at an affordable price" Jonathan Reckford
- If major cuts are made to the budget then the lack of affordable housing will become even worse

Health Care/ Affordable Care Act:

- ACA Replacement means that it will take away health insurance from millions. The main answer for Republicans in support of the bill is that this new American Health Care Act will have \$600 billion in tax cuts that will save the wealthiest 1% of Americans nearly \$200,000 each year.

- If you want to save the Affordable Care Act, you need to call your representative and tell them that you do not approve of the American Health Care Act

- The National Health Care for the Homeless Council found that poor health leads to homelessness. This is especially the case according to NHCHC with construction workers, manufacturing jobs and labor intensive industries. Plus, if individuals lose their jobs due to health, they are likely to end up sicker as a result of communicable diseases found within shelters.

- The recent Medicaid Expansion, that gives individual states the flexibility in how they finance health care could prove problematic for those who depend on it for their medical needs. Funding for each state will be much less as well, so they will have to decide how they want to use the money which could result in stricter eligibility requirements



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