

MORE ACTION NEEDED NOW: Contact your Representatives Today and Urge them to vote to override the President's Veto of the FY08 Appropriations bill. The override vote is expected to take place this week!!!

The President vetoed the FY08 Labor/HHS/Education appropriations bill that would provide \$2 million for Lifespan Respite and critical funds for a host of essential health, education and social services for the most vulnerable children, families and the aging community.

We are very close to having enough votes to override the veto. *The House's Labor-HHS-Ed vote last Tuesday was just 3 votes shy of the two-thirds needed to override, with 17 not voting.* In fact, Congress just overrode a veto for water projects. *So they will do it if they think their constituents care.*

Here is the information you need:

The roll call votes on Labor-HHS-Education appropriations in July and Nov. 8 - so you know how your Representative voted on the original House bill and on the House/Senate conference agreement.

(<http://www.chn.org/pdf/2007/HousehhsvoteJulNov8.pdf>)

It's as easy as 1-2-3!!

1. Go to www.congress.org and enter your zip code to identify your Representative.

2. CALL 202-225-3121 to the Capitol Switchboard and ask for your Representative's office.

3. Leave this MESSAGE:

Please vote to override the President's Veto of the FY 08 Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations bill. It includes funds to jump start the new Lifespan Respite Program. Over 50 million family caregivers nationwide who provide ongoing longterm care to their loved ones with disabling and chronic conditions are depending on this effort. Do not turn your backs on them -- especially during November's National Family Caregivers Month.

Pass this alert onto others and Everyone Make a Call Today!!!

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