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The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

On behalf the members of the National Energy Assistance Directors' Association (NEADA), we would first like to thank you for releasing \$250 million in emergency funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) during the recent winter heating season to address high fuel prices and cold weather conditions.

As we enter the summer cooling season, we would now like to request that you release the remaining \$47.6 million in emergency funds under the FY 2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act to allow states to help poor families stay safe during this summer's record high temperatures.

As soon as these funds are released, this will allow the states the flexibility to provide the following services to increase the affordability of home energy by:

- Assisting families with paying high energy bills to pay for increased cooling needs.
- Purchasing energy efficient appliances, such as window air conditioners. This is special concern for the low income elderly, disabled and those with chronic health conditions who are at greatest risk of illness from high temperatures.
- Repair or replace central cooling equipment.
- Provide funds to restore energy service to families who were unable to pay last winter's record high heating bills and as a result have had their power shut-off.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Mark Wolfe  
Executive Director