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NATIONAL ENERGY & UTILITY AFFORDABILITY COALITION

## **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Overview**



Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

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# Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

- Block grant, established in 1981
- Congress appropriates funds annually
- \$3.69 billion for FY19
- Nearly 6 million households were served in 2017

# Energy Burden

Definition: The percentage of household income spent on energy bills.

Example 1: \$5,000/month income  
\$250/month energy costs  
**Energy burden is 5%**

Example 2: \$1,667/month income  
\$250/month  
**Energy burden is 15%**

# How are LIHEAP funds used to reduce energy burden?

- To help households meet their home energy costs
- To assist when households face an energy crisis
- For low-cost weatherization measures
- To provide services to reduce the need for energy assistance

## Example: During the polar vortex...

... or whenever a constituent calls your office.

If their **furnace or air conditioning isn't working**, or when they **can't afford** to fix their system or buy a new one.

They look to you for help, resources.

**LIHEAP** should be your first referral.

# Social Media Education

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps the most vulnerable American families afford their home energy bills.

LIHEAP helps keep our neighbors safe and warm in their homes.

#ProtectLIHEAP

Source: 2018 National Energy Assistance Survey



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# Social Media Education

## One in three

households helped by LIHEAP has  
at least one child younger than 18.

LIHEAP helps keep children from  
doing their homework in the dark.

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## Nine out of ten

households helped by LIHEAP has at least one elderly person, child, or person with a disability.

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## Four out of five

households helped by LIHEAP has  
an annual income below \$20,000.

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vulnerable neighbors safe.

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**One out of three**  
households helped by LIHEAP went  
without food for at least one day in  
the past year.

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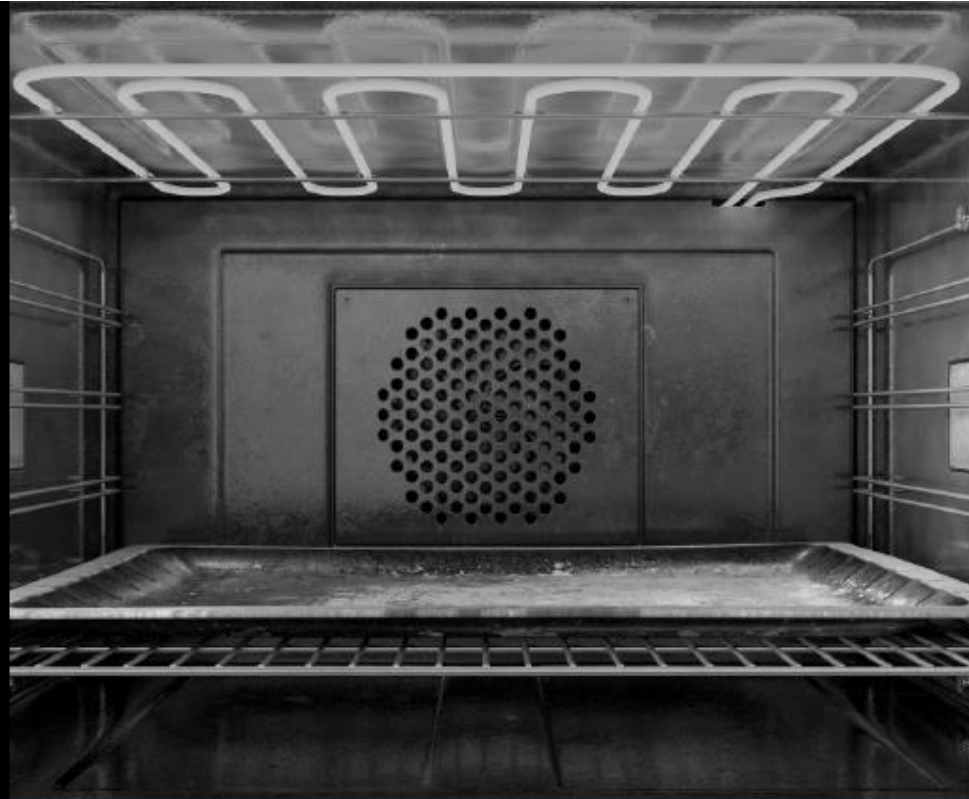
Three out of ten

households receiving LIHEAP used their kitchen stove or oven to provide heat.

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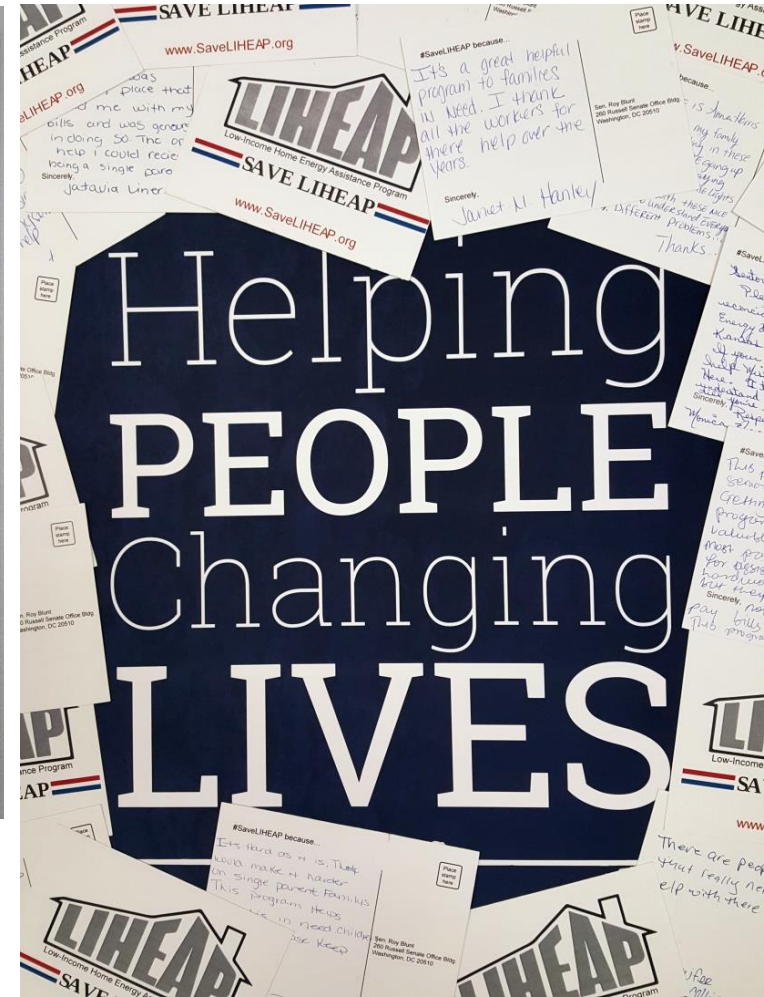
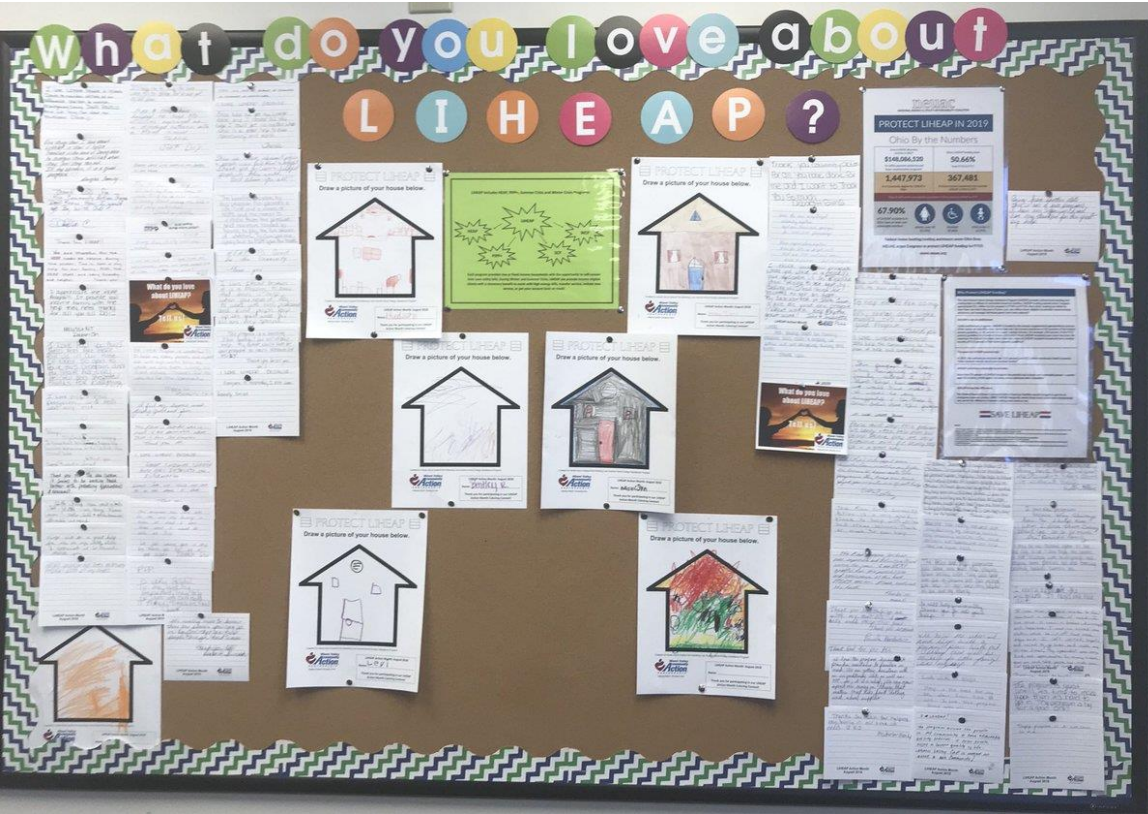
# LIHEAP Action Day

- February 27-28,  
Washington, D.C.
- Stories from your  
constituents
- Demo the impact of  
LIHEAP
- Thank you for support
- Dear Colleague letters





# LIHEAP Postcard Project





Thank you, LIHEAP.



# What we do matters.



# Questions?

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