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Fax to: Board Members

From: Mary Helen Kress *K*

Date: June 30, 1998

Subject: Legislative Alert

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 Dr. Neil Wilson
 Executive Director
 Mary Helen Kress

We have just learned that, on June 23, the House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee voted to eliminate funding for the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (Title IIB of the Job Training Partnership Act), the Youth Opportunities Program, and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

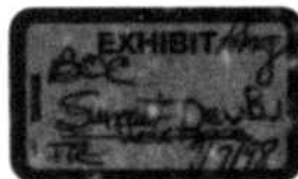
The Subcommittee plans to use the \$871 million from Summer Youth, the \$250 million from Youth Opportunities and the \$1.4 billion from LIHEAP for research at the National Institutes of Health.

If you agree that poor young people need summer jobs and later, employment assistance, and that the elderly poor need help in heating their homes in the winter, please help to fight this ill-conceived action that pits one good program against another.

A sample letter to Representative Dan Miller is enclosed. His fax number in D.C. is (202) 226-0828. Also enclosed are the names and fax numbers of the Subcommittee members. If you could write Dan and carbon copy it by fax to any of the other Congressmen named, we might be able to save these needed funds.

Appreciation in advance for your help!

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June 30, 1998

The Honorable Dan Miller
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Representative Miller:

As a member of the Suncoast Workforce Development Board, I am deeply concerned about the proposed elimination of several important programs for low-income households. These programs - the Summer Youth Employment & Training Program (Title IIB of the Job Training Partnership Act), the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Youth Program - play significant roles in the lives of low-income individuals, many of whom reside in my service delivery area.

I also understand that funds from these program are to be used to pay for medical research. Congress MUST stop raiding programs that help the poor to pay for other worthy programs.

During this 1988 summer, more than 400,000 young people are being introduced to the working world AND are receiving remedial education through Summer Youth. In this SDA, some 280 poor youths are learning work skills and are improving their math and English knowledge through Summer Youth.

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I urge you to restore funding for these important programs immediately, and to stop pitting programs that help the poor against those for medical research.

Sincerely,

cc: Mary Helen Kress

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**SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE
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UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, DC 20515

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MANATEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 8, 1998

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U.S. House of Representatives
102 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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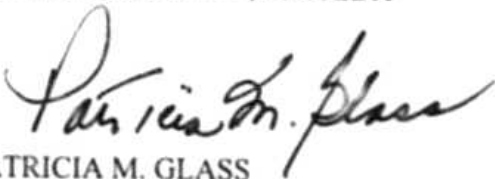
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Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia M. Glass". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

PATRICIA M. GLASS
Chairman

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cc: Mary Helen Kress

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, & PROCLAMATIONS
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, PROCLAMATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

- 64. **Employee of the Month - July, 1998** Bill Ward, Recreation Manager, Parks & Recreation Dept
- 65. **Safety Award:** Timothy Harper, Transportation Dept
- 66. **Meritorious Service Award:** Jay Moyles, Public Safety Dept
- 67. **Team Award - Emerson Point Project:** Cliff Wellslager, Jay Fortney, Gene Helfrick, Art Waldren, Jim Russell, & Linda Fagan (Facilities Mgmt. Dept.)
- 68. **Donation for Emerson Point Park:** Construction of Entrance Sign from Browning Ferris of North America Inc
- 69. **Master Gardeners Graduation:** 1998 Class
- 70. **Proclamation - Sgt. Kenyan & Deputy Corky Day:** July 19, 1998

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS
(9:00AM or as soon thereafter as same may be heard.)
 (HEARING IN OF STAFF AND PUBLIC WHO WILL GIVE TESTIMONY)

TRANSPORTATION

- 71. **Ordinance 98-30 - Stopping, Standing, or Parking:** 17 St Ct E., 18 St E., 34 Ave E., 35 St W., 36 St W., Shepherd St., & Holly Ave
- 72. **Ordinance 98-31 - Speed Limitations:** Upper Manatee River Rd., 21 Ave. W., Cortez Village, & Copperfield Subdivision
- 73. **Ordinance 98-32 - Through Traffic:** Betts Rd & Singletary Rd

PLANNING

- 74. **Ordinance 98-23 (PA-98-06):** CIE Update (continued from 6/23/98 BCC meeting)

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS
(9:15AM or as soon thereafter as possible.)

COMMENTS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES PER PERSON AND SHOULD CONCERN BUSINESS WHICH MAY, IF APPROPRIATE, BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA

MANATEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY
Lori Ann Harris, Chairman

THE CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR ANY PORT AUTHORITY MEETING ARE SET FORTH IN THE PORT AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA MATERIALS NOTEBOOK. PORT STAFF ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE PORT AUTHORITY MEETING AND HAS COPIES OF THE AGENDA AVAILABLE PRIOR TO AND AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PORT AUTHORITY MEETING.

CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY
Gwendolyn Y. Brown, Chairman

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approval of Minutes:** 4/21/98, 5/5/98, 5/19/98
- 75. **Non-Standard Contract - Sarasota National Estuary Program:** #18-260 - No Charge Rental (Croslev Museum)
- 76. **Non-Standard Contract - Train Collectors' Assn.:** #18-155 - Additional Discount for Change in Event Day

REGULAR AGENDA - Nothing Scheduled

ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME FORWARD