

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1608

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the President of the United
2 States of America and members of the United States Congress not to
3 authorize more than a 7% Community Services Block Grant program
4 budget reduction for federal fiscal years 2011 and 2012.

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6 WHEREAS, The Kansas legislature supports the positive impacts of
7 the Community Services Block Grant program; and

8 WHEREAS, Kansas has eight community action agencies that employ
9 nearly 900 Kansans and which helped 1,322 people attain or retain
10 meaningful employment in 2010; and

11 WHEREAS, Each community action agency is governed by a
12 community-based volunteer board of directors consisting of elected
13 officials, private sector representatives and low-income individuals; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2010, more than 76,899 individuals in Kansas (over
15 20,109 households) were helped in their fight for economic stability
16 through services supported by the Federal community service block grant
17 program; and

18 WHEREAS, More than 81% of the families receiving community
19 action services in Kansas have household incomes at or below 125% of the
20 Federal poverty level (\$23,163 annually for a family of three); and

21 WHEREAS, Less than 8.5% of those served by Kansas' eight
22 community action agencies have a two or four-year college degree; and

23 WHEREAS, More than 74% of the persons served by the eight
24 community action agencies are employed or are receiving social security
25 as their source of income; and

26 WHEREAS, Federal funding for the eight community action agencies
27 helps generate \$6,347,446 in local and state funding, and \$1,301,670 in
28 private funds; and

29 WHEREAS, Community Services Block Grant program funding for
30 Kansas' eight community action agencies helps generate \$13,776,916 in
31 in-kind goods and services and donated items; and

32 WHEREAS, Kansas' community action agencies receive \$5,004,000 in
33 community services block grant program funds to operate community-

1 based services and those funds are the necessary "glue" that enables the
2 eight community action agencies to administer otherwise inaccessible
3 private, state and federally funded programs; and

4 WHEREAS, President Obama has proposed a 50% reduction of the
5 Community Services Block Grant program funding and to make the
6 remaining funds competitive instead of continuing the current allocation
7 formula that brings stability to Kansas' community and economic
8 development initiatives; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives propose to
10 eliminate Community Services Block Grant program funding for the
11 remainder of the current Federal fiscal year; and

12 WHEREAS, The Kansas legislature is supportive of Congress finding
13 effective ways to reduce the federal deficit while protecting the current and
14 future economic security of all Kansans: Now, therefore,

15 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of*
16 *Representatives concurring therein:* That the legislature urges the
17 President and the members of the United States Congress not to reduce
18 Community Services Block Grant program funding for federal fiscal years
19 2011 and 2012 beyond 7% of 2010 funding; and

20 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to send
21 enrolled copies of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the
22 United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of
23 Representatives, and each member of the Kansas congressional delegation
24 as well as the President of the United States.
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