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Dear Member:

Last winter, Community Action Agencies assisted a number of Kentuckians with several dollars in heating aid. With the proposed cut to LIHEAP, many people who benefited from the program last year may not be able to receive assistance this winter.

We encourage households with vulnerable people, particularly elderly, those with disabilities and small children to plan their budgets, practice energy consumption, consider taking advantage of an energy efficiency program provided by Shelby Energy, or a Community Action Agency, or consider the possibility of setting up a budget plan in advance.

These are just a few energy savings tips to assist with conservation during these challenging times:

- Pay attention to the thermostat. A few degrees can make a difference in your heating bill. For every degree you turn down your thermostat, you can save 3-5% on the heating portion of your monthly bill. Set the thermostat between 65 – 68 degrees. Turn your thermostat down when you are away or sleeping.
- Use sweaters and blankets. Encourage family members to dress warmly and place extra covers on the beds.
- Change furnace filters monthly.
- Keep heating vents unobstructed so they're not blocked by furniture, drapes or other items.
- On sunny days, open drapes and blinds to allow sunlight to warm rooms, close drapes and blinds at night to retain the heat.
- Apply weather stripping to stop drafts around doors and windows. Use draft stoppers at doors and windows.
- Check the caulking and weather stripping around doors and windows to keep cold air out and warm air in.
- Turn off necessary lighting. Get in the habit of turning off the light when you leave a room.
- The loss of daylight during winter means turning on more lights at home. Switch to compact florescent bulbs in light fixtures used the most. Compact florescent light bulbs last 13 times longer than incandescent bulbs and use 75 percent less energy.
- Wash clothes in cold water. Use cold temperature detergents and always have a full load.

The Community Action Agencies subsidy program will begin the application process on November 7, 2011. Please contact your local agency for the further details on how to apply and information required to receive assistance. Should you need further assistance or additional information regarding your account, please contact our office at one of the telephone numbers listed below.

Sincerely,



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