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Trump budget cuts will harm vulnerable Michigan citizens

News of proposed cuts to crucial programs for low income people led 500 community leaders gathered in Washington, D.C. for the National Community Action Foundation's Legislative Conference (NCAF) to rally against them. Programs that have garnered broad bipartisan support – the Community Service Block Grants (CSBG), the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program and Weatherization Assistance Program -- would be eliminated as part of President Donald Trump's budget plan.

“Making thousands of seniors, disabled people and disadvantaged families choose between heating and eating will not help make America strong again,” says **Kate White**, Michigan Community Action executive director. “Eliminating America's most successful energy conservation program, WAP, will not help make America first. Cutting funding to programs that help families and individuals out of poverty and toward self-sufficiency is counter-productive.”

More than 200,000 Michigan residents rely on Community Action Agencies' programs, especially in rural areas.

“Despite everything President Trump has promised, this is a radical, Washington insiders' budget that does not reflect priorities that make America stronger,” said **David Bradley**, NCAF CEO. “President Trump's budget is tone deaf to small town mayors, the people who elected him and every community

across the U.S. Cutting the flexible CSBG funds that create opportunity for more than 15 million people harms America.”

Founded in 1975, MCA serves its 29 member agencies throughout Michigan to strengthen their capacity to alleviate the causes and circumstances of poverty.