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MORE THAN 165,000 IN MICHIGAN WILL SUFFER UNDER TRUMP BUDGET CUTS

As President Donald Trump again takes aim at funding for programs crucial to building self-sufficiency among seniors, children and working families, Michigan Community Action is urging opposition.

"Programs that help families and individuals out of poverty and toward self-sufficiency is absolutely where we need to invest," explains **Kate White**, MCA executive director. "The administration's budget proposes to eliminate the very programs that help people get back on their feet, with assistance for basic needs, like food, heat and housing."

The Trump budget puts Community Service Block Grants (CSBG) on the chopping block, along with the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program and Weatherization Assistance Program. Combined, the programs are worth more than \$183 million.

"In our state, thousands of seniors, people with disabilities and families with low incomes will face empty cupboards, colder homes and a more difficult climb out of the cycle of poverty," White explains. "Investing in the health, nutrition and job skills of our citizens is a critical human investment that must continue and should increase."

“Communities across the country support the work of their Community Action Agencies,” says David Bradley, CEO of National Community Action Foundation. “The Trump Administration has taken care of Wall Street; It’s time they stop being tone deaf to programs that Main Street supports.”

In communities across Michigan, Community Action Agencies share a common mission of fighting poverty and promoting self-sufficiency. Local agencies respond to short term crises that can topple a working family into poverty and provide services like GED preparation, permanent affordable housing and transportation to build long term security.

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

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