

LIHEAP Action Day Agenda

Location: Yotel Capitol Hill, Ballroom, First Floor
415 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 — State Team Meetings and Policy Update

11:00 A.M.	Registration Opens – Ballroom Foyer
12:00 P.M.	Lunch – Ballroom
1:00-1:15 P.M.	Welcome – Ballroom
1:15-1:30 P.M.	Resource Review – Ballroom
1:30-2:30 P.M.	LIHEAP Policy Update – Ballroom
2:30-4:30 P.M.	State Team Meetings – Ballroom and adjoining spaces
4:30-5:30 P.M.	Reception - Yotel

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 – LIHEAP Action Day

7:00-11:00 A.M.	Registration – Ballroom Foyer
7:00-9:00 A.M.	Breakfast – Ballroom
8:00-8:30 A.M.	Remarks – Ballroom
	Dismiss to Hill Visits
9:00-5:00 P.M.	Visit Congressional Offices on Capitol Hill (lunch on your own)

A special thanks to the American Gas Association and Edison Electric Institute, and thank you to all who attend to support LIHEAP customers across the country.

Core Messaging

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a critical, life-saving program that targets and serves your most vulnerable constituents — older Americans, individuals with disabilities, and families with young children.

The majority of these families and individuals survive on less than \$20,000 per year and many are on a fixed income. Their pay does not increase when the cost of heating and cooling their homes increases. Living at the lowest levels of poverty, recipients of these funds make choices every day between food or electricity, medicine or heating/cooling.

LIHEAP helps to stabilize families and protects people from dying of exposure in their own homes in the winter, keeps electricity flowing to life-saving equipment for those with medical needs, and helps ensure that children do not have to complete their homework in the dark. It can prevent disconnection of service and restore dignity by helping customers pay their bills in full and on time.

#ProtectLIHEAP because LIHEAP protects lives.

Three “Asks” for LIHEAP Action Day

1. Protect LIHEAP

- Health and safety of our friends, families, and neighbors depends on this funding
- Whether temps are 110°F or -20°F, LIHEAP helps prevent disconnection and help reconnect life-saving utility services

2. Improve Funding

- HVAC replacement and repair cost more than the average crisis benefit
- Year-round programming is important to address both heating and cooling needs
- Economy is improving, but not for those on fixed incomes

3. Funding Level

- Maximize funding at \$5.1 billion for regular funds and consider supplemental funding for LIHEAP
- Consistent, robust regular LIHEAP funding is important to stabilize families
- There is unmet need - LIHEAP serves 1/6 eligible households nationally with the current funding, but in some states that number can be as low as 1/25
- Congress has shown bipartisan support for LIHEAP - this program has demonstrated its efficacy for more than 40 years

Navigating Capitol Hill

The three House Office buildings are connected by underground tunnels. Similarly, the three Senate Office buildings are connected by underground tunnels. If these tunnels are open and accessible, you are encouraged to use them to go between meetings. Please note that in order to walk from the House buildings to the Senate buildings, or vice versa, you must walk outside.

Food Options

Longworth Cafeteria (B-223): 7:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

<https://thehouse.misofi.net/> — All on-campus dining options

Art & Soul—Onsite, Yotel

Security & Prohibited Items

Before entering any building, all visitors are screened by a magnetometer. The following items are prohibited: liquids, foods or beverages, cans, bottles, creams, lotions, sharp objects.

Area Map

