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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM TAUP AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

Call Congress now!

Congress is working furiously to complete work on an economic recovery plan. The most important voice in this debate is yours. Call your senators and representative and tell them to support the House-passed funding levels in the final conference package:

- **Restore cuts made in vital education programs.**

Urge conferees to restore cuts to early childhood education (\$1 billion), school modernization and infrastructure assistance for K-12 and higher education facilities (\$19.5 billion), and Title I (\$600 million).

- **Reinstate State Fiscal Stabilization Fund to \$79 billion.**

This fund will restore cuts in state aid to school districts and public universities. It will help maintain and create new jobs for thousands of educators, nurses, construction workers and college students.

- **Support the House version for Medicaid assistance.**

The Senate and House versions of the bill provide \$87 billion in Medicaid assistance and allow flexibility for state budgets to fund other essential programs. The House formula guides relief to states with the highest rates of unemployment and the greatest need.

Call your senators and representative at: 866/327-8670.

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