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(Hartford, CT) – The Connecticut Congressional Delegation today announced the release of more than \$19 million in additional support from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help low income households with energy costs this winter. The release of these funds - combined with over \$59 million since October 2011 - brings Connecticut's total allocation for the 2012 fiscal year to nearly \$80 million:

**“We are pleased to announce the release of additional support for this absolutely critical program. The speedy delivery of these necessary funds will help alleviate some of the financial strain many Connecticut families feel as they work to pay their heating bills during winter’s coldest months. In tough fiscal times, we have united as a delegation to fight back against the proposed draconian cuts to this program and these resources will go a long way toward preserving the health and well-being of households that include some of our most vulnerable citizens.”**

For a full breakdown of the funds released, click [here](#) .