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Appropriations Update

Thursday, July 15, the House Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee marked up their FY 2011 spending measure. **House appropriators recommended that an increase of \$932 million over the FY 2010 level of funding be provided for SSA's Limitation on Administrative Expenses (LAE) account. This translates to a recommendation for SSA to receive the full funding level requested by the President of \$12.379 billion. You may find the documents at the two links below of interest:**

http://appropriations.house.gov/images/stories/pdf/lhhse/Obey_Opening_Statement.7.15.10.pdf

http://appropriations.house.gov/images/stories/pdf/lhhse/FY2011_LHHS_Summary_Table-07.15.2010.pdf

Key information to review is on page 2 of the second link near the bottom of the page. The table indicates that the Chairman's Mark is \$932 million ABOVE the FY 2010 Comparable and that the difference between the Chairman's Mark and the FY 2011 Request is \$0. This translates to a recommendation for SSA to receive the level of funding requested in the President's FY 2011 Budget Request.

The complete copy of the Subcommittee's Report is not yet available. As soon as possible we will send that information out as it will provide additional details related to the Subcommittee's recommendations for SSA.

While the information from the House markup is indeed good news, we remain in close contact with the Hill in anticipation of upcoming action by the Senate Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee. **The Senate Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee is currently scheduled to mark up their version of the bill on Thursday, July 22, with the full Senate Appropriations Committee taking up the bill on Tuesday, July 27.**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your ongoing assistance and efforts that help us make the strongest case possible for the resources that SSA truly needs. NCSSMA and our members play a lead role in advocating for adequate resources for the agency and in a very difficult budget environment the level of funding recommended by House appropriators for SSA indicates that our efforts have been productive.

Have a great weekend and we hope to have additional good news for you next week!

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