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Action Alert! – Urgent Appropriations Alert

Greetings NASHIA Members:

Last night, November 15, the House failed, on a vote of 277-141, to override the President's veto of the spending bill for FY 2008 Labor-HHS-Education that would have provided nearly \$10 billion more than the President's budget for TBI, disability, health, education and workforce programs and about \$6.2 billion more than current funding levels. The vote was close, but not enough.

It is anticipated that an omnibus bill will be offered that will provide significantly less funding for health and education programs. As you know, the bill that was vetoed contained increases for the CDC and HRSA TBI Programs -- \$545,000 for HRSA (for both State and P&A Programs) and \$660,000 for CDC. These recommendations are now at risk to be further reduced.

Immediate Action: Please contact your Representatives and Senators to urge them to retain the funding levels for the TBI programs. The Capitol switchboard number is **202-224-3121**. You can ask to be connected to your Senators and Representative.

*This **Action Alert** was prepared for NASHIA members by Susan L. Vaughn, Director of Public Policy, on behalf of the NASHIA Public Policy Committee, chaired by Debra Kamen. To see NASHIA's Public Policy Platform click on <http://www.nashia.org/pdf/publicpolicyplatform.pdf>.*

NASHIA is assisting State government in promoting partnerships and building systems to meet the needs of individuals with traumatic brain injury and their families.