

## 2003 SENATE RESOLUTION 4

March 5, 2003 – Introduced by Senators ROESSLER, ZIEN, HARSDORF, SCHULTZ, WIRCH, ROBSON and CARPENTER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** supporting the reauthorization of the existing Community Services  
2         Block Grant and its funding to community action agencies.

3         Whereas, Wisconsin's 16 community action agencies have been working in our  
4     communities to improve the lives and well-being of all of our citizens for over 35  
5     years; and

6         Whereas, our community action agencies have delivered a comprehensive  
7     array of opportunities to assist those citizens who reside at the lowest levels of the  
8     economic ladder to advance economically and socially; and

9         Whereas, our community action agencies have developed innovative and  
10    effective strategies to promote affordable housing and homeownership,  
11    microenterprise development, youth development, crime prevention, access to food  
12    and nutrition, Head Start expansion, community-based economic development,  
13    housing rehabilitation, and other initiatives to promote the development of our  
14    human potential; and

1           Whereas, in 2001 our community action agencies assisted over 380,000 of our  
2 citizens and provided volunteers who contributed more than 600,000 hours of service  
3 to our communities; and

4           Whereas, in 2001 our 16 community action agencies received \$7,000,000 of  
5 Community Service Block Grant funds and used these funds to leverage more than  
6 \$135,000,000 of additional funds, including \$25,000,000 of private funds with which  
7 to benefit Wisconsin's communities; and

8           Whereas, the federal Community Services Block Grant provides the core  
9 funding for our community action agencies and is scheduled for reauthorization in  
10 the upcoming session of Congress; now, therefore, be it

11                 ***Resolved by the senate, That*** the Wisconsin state senate urges President  
12 George W. Bush and the Wisconsin congressional delegation to support the  
13 reauthorization of the existing Community Services Block Grant and its funding to  
14 community action agencies; and, be it further

15                 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to  
16 President George W. Bush, to the president and secretary of the U.S. senate, to the  
17 speaker and clerk of the U.S. house of representatives, and to each member of the  
18 congressional delegation from this state, attesting the adoption of this resolution by  
19 the 2003 senate of the state of Wisconsin.

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