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CONSUMER

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Key Federal Legislation

NJANEH 2009 report card will grade our Congressional delegation on their support for the following bills

- “Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009,” H.R. 1877 and S. 808. *This bill which reauthorizes and amends the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act passed both Houses of Congress and was signed into law. Thank you to the 14-15 members of the NJ Congressional delegation that voted for the bill.*
- Section 8 Voucher Reform Act (SEVRA): H.R. 3045
- National Housing Trust Fund. The Trust Fund
 - TARP for Main Street Act of 2009: H.R. 3068 *Directs \$1 billion to fund the National Housing Trust Fund*
- Reauthorize SAMHSA to pay for supportive services for individuals and families in long term homelessness. Appropriate \$120 million in the Labor/HHS Appropriations Bill for homeless programs for mental health and substance abuse treatment services linked to supportive housing.
- Fully fund the President’s HUD budget. Specifically insure at minimum the following are funded:
 1. Tenant-based vouchers: \$18 billion which will expand the program.
 2. Project-based Section 8: \$8.1 billion to cover full 12-month renewals for all contracts
 3. Public housing: \$2.5 billion for the capital fund and \$4.8 billion to provide full formula funding for the operating fund.
 4. Homeless assistance grants: \$1.85 billion
 5. HOME program: \$2 billion
 6. Section 202 (senior housing): \$1 billion to provide permanent, affordable and supportive housing for the elderly.
 7. Section 811 (supportive housing for people with disabilities): \$350 million to provide permanent, affordable and supportive housing for persons with disabilities.