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WASHINGTON – Congressman Charles F. Bass (NH-02) will introduce an amendment to the Continuing Resolution this week to make available an additional \$50 million in funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) emergency contingency fund. Bass' amendment is fully offset and is expected to be debated on the House floor today or tomorrow.

Bass said:

"New Hampshire families have been hit hard this year by high energy costs, and we still have a month left of winter. The contingency fund helps provide access to emergency assistance during especially hard winters. My amendment, which is fully offset, will add a modest amount to the contingency fund to help with home energy costs for the families that need it most.

"There are many priorities to fund, and Congress will have to make tough choices about spending. I will continue working to ensure that we meet New Hampshire's and our nation's needs at a price we can afford."

LIHEAP provided vital assistance to over 47,000 New Hampshire households last year.

Emergency contingency funds are made available at the discretion of the President to help meet additional home energy assistance needs arising from abnormal situations.

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