"Based on decades of my company running energy efficiency programs around the country, I know personally how the weatherization assistance program [WAP] provides dignity as well as practical bill reductions for the millions of households it has served. Moreover, the weatherization program supports good jobs here in America.

The ARRA-funded [Federal Stimulus] program taught us that we can weatherize hundreds of thousands of homes each year, making such a difference in the lives of poorer families and helping to support local small businesses across America. It would be a travesty if Congress did not decide to continue funding WAP at least at its pre-stimulus level of \$225 million per year. But \$300 million annually is really the minimum needed to sustain a cost-effective program that has adequate funding for all 50 states."

Steve Cowell, CEO of <u>Conservation Services Group</u>