



CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES

CCD FISCAL POLICY TASK FORCE 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

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With the help of all CCD Task Force Co-Chairs, the Fiscal Policy Task Force developed a table outlining CCD's fiscal priorities for FY 2008 along with a report containing justifications for its recommendations. This document was subsequently hand-delivered by CCD members to all members of Congress.

The Fiscal Policy Task Force also worked in coalition with other organizations representing education, employment, and health programs to increase the overall funding for health and human services in the budget resolution. The Task Force joined with these partners to advocate for increased funding for programs within the FY 2008 funding bill for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education.

Some of the specific activities of the Task Force included:

- Assisted in developing an overall funding recommendation in the FY 08 Budget Resolution (Function 550) of an additional \$4 billion (7.8 percent increase).
- Developed a press release in response to the President's Budget proposal.
- Met White House officials regarding the funding proposal.
- Met with House and Senate leadership to share CCD's funding recommendations
- Participated on joint letters to Appropriations leaders to increase the 302(b) funding allocations for Labor, Health and Human Services.
- Developed grassroots strategies and action alerts for CCD members to urge Congress to pass the FY 08 L-HHS-ED appropriations bills throughout the legislative process.
- Helped to coordinate support for three advertisements urging support for the House L-HHS-ED bill, the conference report, and the House attempt to override the President's veto.
- Supported the Social Security Task Force efforts to increase funding for the Social Security Administration to deal with backlog and delays in the disability claims program.

- Provided updates to CCD membership on appropriations status throughout the FY 08 budget and appropriations process.

Future Task Force Activities:

- The Task Force will continue to work to ensure adequate federal funding for disability programs.
- The Task Force will continue to participate with other coalitions working to increase and protect funding for vulnerable populations.
- The Task Force will continue to monitor budget process legislation that negatively impact mandatory and discretionary funding for disability programs, services and supports.

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