



CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES

QUARTERLY REPORT FORM

Fiscal Policy Task Force 1st and 2nd Quarter 2006

Task Force Actions Taken

- 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 2007 along with a report containing justifications for its recommendations. This document was subsequently hand-delivered by CCD members to all members of Congress.
- The Task Force provided a congressional staff briefing on funding for disability programs (discretionary and mandatory).
- The Fiscal Policy Task Force worked in coalition with other organizations representing education, employment, and health programs to increase the overall amount of money in the budget resolution. The Task Force joined with these partners to visit members of Congress, write letters, and make phone calls in support of an amendment sponsored by Senators Specter and Harkin that would increase the allocation to the Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations Subcommittee by \$7 billion. The amendment passed by a vote of 73-27. The Task Force worked equally hard to pass a similar amendment sponsored by Reps. Castle and Delauro in the House. Although the amendment ultimately failed in the House, the House Budget does shift \$4.1 billion from the Defense and Foreign Operations allocations into the Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee.
- The Fiscal Policy Task Force closely monitored legislation that affects the overall budget process rules. The Task Force developed a letter and organized signatures of all CCD members in opposition to the "Line Item Veto Act." The Task Force is currently getting signatures for a new letter opposing the "Stop Over Spending" Act.

Task Force Agenda:

- 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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