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A Note from the LIFE Chairman

During these difficult economic times, it is crucial that we build our understanding and awareness of important low-income energy issues affecting our constituencies. With that in mind, we are sending you the second issue of our re-launched LIFE News. We hope that you find this information interesting and useful, so that you may be better able to assist your low-income customers. If you have any comments or suggestions, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Thank you for your support of the LIFE program. Best wishes for the holidays!

Len Silverstein
LIFE Chairman

Energy Saving Tips

With the holiday season approaching, many New Yorkers will decorate with holiday lighting, which can increase household energy bills. For information on how to reduce electric consumption during the holiday season, please visit the links below.

U.S. Department of Energy

Can You be Festive and Frugal?

Home Energy Tips

National Grid

NYS Community Action Association

NYS Department of State

NYS Homes and Community Renewal

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An Analysis of 2010 Utility Expenditures by Older Consumers, AARP

NYSERDA Heating Fuels Report - Fuel Prices and Inventories for Home Heating Oil, Propane, and Kerosene

Low-Income Energy in the Press

New York News

Federal Heat Aid Funding Reduced
Ithaca Journal
The federal government decreased the amount of money for HEAP in New York state from $495.5 million in 2010-11 to $250 million for this heating season. Not surprisingly, the maximum amount for a regular HEAP grant for home heating oil also has been ...

Home-Heating Oil Prices Near Decade High
The Times-Herald Record
People who depend on oil to heat their homes or businesses are facing some of the highest prices in a decade. Heating oil was selling for $3.90 per gallon in the Hudson Valley by late last month ...

Scientists: NY Must Prepare for Climate Change Now
Wall Street Journal
Minorities and low-income residents tend to live in areas vulnerable to flooding in New York City and upstate, DeGaetano said. Rural residents and small towns are less able to cope with extreme events such as floods, ice storms and droughts ...

National News

States Push to Catch Winter's Silent Killer With Carbon Monoxide Alarms
USA TODAY
To catch a silent killer that often strikes in winter, a growing number of states are requiring homes to install carbon monoxide detectors ...

State Finds a Way to Make Weatherization Work
New York Times
The federal weatherization program, created to help low-income families make energy-efficient upgrades to their homes, has been around since the oil crisis of the 1970s sent electricity prices soaring. But it's relatively small annual budget did not ...

Poor Worry Over Government Heating Aid Cuts as Winter Looms
Reuters
The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program provides aid to millions of households across the nation. In 2009, the last year for which figures are available, 7.7 million households in all 50 states benefited from the program. New York, Illinois and ...

Poor Face Cold Truth of Heating Aid Cuts
The Times Union
Mary Power is 92 and worried about surviving another frigid New England winter because deep cuts in federal home heating assistance benefits means she probably can't afford enough heating oil to stay warm ...

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