

YOU DID IT! NEW ECONOMIC RECOVERY LAW PROVIDES MAJOR INVESTMENTS FOR EDUCATION

Thank you for your hard work in urging passage of the economic recovery package. The new law, signed by President Obama a few weeks ago, includes the largest increase in federal funding for education in history. These funds will create or save over 267,000 teaching jobs and 40,000 education support jobs.

NEA cyberlobbyists made a big difference in the final outcome of this package. The proposed education funding was under serious attack and there was a very real threat that it would be cut. Your efforts turned the tide and saved the funding. Together, you sent over 56,000 messages to Members of Congress in just a few short days!

We could not have achieved this victory without you!

TELL THE SENATE TO PASS EDUCATION FUNDING BILL

Congress now turns attention to regular funding bills. Last year, Congress failed to complete work on the fiscal year 2009 education funding bill. Since the start of the fiscal year (October 1, 2008), education and many other federal programs have been operating under a "continuing resolution," which continued prior funding levels until March of this year.

This week, the House passed a funding bill for the rest of FY09 that provides critical resources essential for fulfilling every child's basic right to a great public school, including increased funding for:

- Special education
- Title I
- Pell Grants
- Head Start

Now, it is the Senate's turn to act.

Contact your Senators!

[Tell Members of the Senate to support the FY09 omnibus appropriations bill.](#)

BILL INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE TO REPEAL SOCIAL SECURITY OFFSETS

Senators Feinstein (D-CA) and Collins (R-ME) have reintroduced the Senate version of the Social Security Fairness Act, which would repeal the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision. The Senate bill number is S. 484. It is identical to H.R. 235, which was introduced in the House of Representatives in January.

The Senate bill has 11 bipartisan cosponsors; the House bill has 181 bipartisan cosponsors.

Contact your Members of Congress!

[Tell your Senators and Representative](#) to support the Social Security Fairness Act.