WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the President directed Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt to release the remaining contingency funds within the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). A total of $120.7 million will be distributed to States and Territories for LIHEAP as a result of this action. In addition to the $127,093,910 Ohio has already received this year, the Buckeye state will receive an additional $4,909,858 as of today. Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) released the following statement:

“I'm pleased that the President released the remaining funds from the LIHEAP contingency fund. This funding is essential to low-income seniors and families who are currently facing utility shutoffs as a result of skyrocketing energy costs this past year. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in Congress to support this important program so it can help those in need as we head into winter.”