



STATE OF IOWA

CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
CHARLES J. KROGMEIER, DIRECTOR

May 27, 2009

Dear :

As we begin to develop our SFY 2011 budget, we are making a few changes in the format for receiving your testimony at the annual public hearing conducted by the Iowa Council on Human Services. We hope the changes facilitate more interaction between the Council and our guests.

The hearing will be held July 8th in Classroom B at the State Historical Building, 600 E. Locust, which is one block west of the State Capitol. There is plenty of parking in a ramp north of the building (E. 6th and Grand). There is a restaurant on site and the building is handicapped accessible.

As in past years, we are asking people to limit their remarks to five minutes. To help the Council understand your issues, it would be helpful if you would send your comments **in advance** to Linda Miller, Department of Human Services, Director's Office, 5th Floor, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319, by **Wednesday, June 24th**. She will then send the material to Council prior to the public hearing. Unlike past years, the Council would like the opportunity to ask questions following your presentations, and reviewing your comments in advance will help facilitate this discussion. We expect this question and answer portion of the hearing would take no more than an additional five minutes per person.

You may make any comment you wish, but we are asking people this year to be especially mindful of our very real budget constraints. Federal stimulus money prevented deep cuts this year but those funds will be running out during fiscal year 2011, which will create enormous financial pressure. The Council would like to hear what your core priorities are and your ideas for cost-saving initiatives as well as the impact of reduced funding.

If you would like to publicly address the Council for five minutes, please contact Linda Miller at (515)281-5452 **before June 24th** and a time will be assigned to you to speak (same as past years.) Again, we strongly encourage you to send your remarks **in advance (by June 24th)** so they can be shared with Council. We are requesting 15 copies of your remarks be submitted by mail or you can e-mail Linda Miller your comments at lmiller2@dhs.state.ia.us and she will make the necessary copies to send to Council.

Finally, for those who cannot attend, we urge people to send comments to Director Charles J. Krogmeier. These comments will then be shared with the Council. Director Krogmeier's address is Hoover State Office Building, 5th Floor, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. Or you can email your comments to our website, dhs.iowa.gov, and look for the "2011 budget ideas" tab in the "frequently visited links."

Sincerely,

James A. Miller, Chair
Council on Human Services

Charles J. Krogmeier
Director

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