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Federal Spending Bill for FY 2008 Signed Into Law: Decreases Funding for NFCSP, No Funding for Lifespan Respite Care Act

After President Bush vetoed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations legislation (H.R. 3043) sent to him in November, he signed a newly drafted omnibus appropriations bill (H.R. 2764) that Congress passed in December. While the new law increases the Administration on Aging (AoA) budget by \$30.4 million, about 2.2% above last year's budget, it also cuts funding for some important programs. The bill decreases funding for the National Family Caregiver Support Program by \$2.7 million, down from \$156 million in FY 2007. Furthermore, the bill does not include any funding for the Lifespan Respite Care Act, although the vetoed bill had included \$2 million for this new program. The new law slightly increases funding for various senior nutrition programs. The final appropriation for AoA is \$78.3 million above the President's original request.