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Public Service Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Central Missouri Area Agency on Aging is pleased to support AARP's proposed Hot Weather Safety Program.

CMAAA, through our Care Coordination Program and our Home-delivered Meal Program, are often in the homes of the elderly. During the hot summer months, we often hear of older people sitting in sweltering homes.

They have air-conditioning available but are so concerned about paying the utility bill, that they will not turn the air-conditioning on or only run them periodically. Their concern about paying the bill outweighs their concern for their own health and well-being.

AARP's Hot Weather Safety Program will provide these low-income individuals some assurance that there will be much needed help during heat alerts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jean Leonatti
Executive Director

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October 31, 2008

Public Service Commission,
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The St. Louis Area Agency on Aging is in total support of AARP's proposal to provide an economic incentive for low-income seniors to turn on their air conditioning during the hottest days of the summer. Many at-risk seniors do not run their air conditioning out of fear of rising energy costs, even during a heat wave. Every year there are seniors in this situation who die or face serious medical emergencies complicated by extreme heat. In fact, studies suggest that the impact of extreme heat on medical health is under-reported with regard to older individuals.

AARP's proposed Hot Weather Safety Program is designed to reach these vulnerable individuals and encourage them to be safe by providing a credit on their electric bill that would cover the cost of running an air conditioner during "heat alerts". At a minimum, we urge the Missouri Public Service Commission to approve AARP's Hot Weather Safety Program as a pilot program in AmerenUE's electric rate case. It could mean the difference between life and death.

Sincerely,

David P. Sykora

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Executive Director
St. Louis Area Agency on Aging



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October 31, 2008

Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65622

Attention: Commissioners:

As the director of an Area Agency on Aging whose mission is to advocate for seniors, I am writing this letter in support of AARP's proposal to provide an economic incentive for low-income seniors to turn on their air conditioning during the hottest days of the summer. Many at-risk seniors do not run their air conditioning out of fear of rising energy costs, even during a heat wave. As seniors age they "feel" the heat less than an active adult and become overheated without realizing it. Every year seniors in our area are in this situation die or face serious medical emergencies complicated by extreme heat. In fact, studies suggest that the impact of extreme heat on medical health is under-reported with regard to older individuals.

AARP's proposed Hot Weather Safety Program is designed to reach these vulnerable individuals and encourage them to be safe by providing a credit on their electric bill that would cover the cost of running an air conditioner during "heat alerts". This is a program that would truly benefit the well being of seniors. We support this program and would be happy to provide additional information if necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D K Knowles".

Dorothy K. Knowles
Executive Director



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October 31, 2008

The Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City MO 65102

Dear Commissioners,

The Missouri Budget Project supports AARP's proposal to provide an economic incentive for low-income seniors to turn on their air conditioning during the hottest days of the summer. Many at-risk seniors do not run their air conditioning out of fear of rising energy costs, even during a heat wave. Every year there are seniors in this situation who die or face serious medical emergencies complicated by extreme heat. In fact, studies suggest that the impact of extreme heat on medical health is under-reported with regard to older individuals.

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Sincerely,

Amy L Blouin
Executive Director



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The Welfare of the People Shall be the Supreme Law

November 3, 2008

The Honorable Commissioners
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

On behalf of the Missouri Association for Social Welfare, I write in support of AARP's proposal to provide an economic incentive for low-income seniors to turn on their air conditioning during the hottest days of the summer.

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Sincerely,

Bob Quinn
Executive Director