

- **General advocacy link** - - please encourage members (their boards, residents, and others, too) to communicate with legislators about the importance of the Affordable Housing Trust; the need for ongoing assurances of full 12-month funding of rental assistance subsidies (thanking them for supporting the stimulus and FY09 omnibus, with sufficient funds for 12 mos contracts - - -and asking them to ensure stable funding in FY10 and beyond); Aging-in-Place (services in housing) and the lynchpin role that Service Coordinators play, etc.

Just go to <http://capwiz.com/aahsa/issues/> and click on any of the issues, insert your zip code – and then you can edit, or completely replace the text of the templated letters, to create your own personalized message to your elected officials.

And, don't forget to support including Long Term Care in Health Care Reform discussions - - (the pre-populated letter/info on this is found at <http://capwiz.com/aahsa/issues/alert/?alertid=12769126>), and more on AAHSA's defined goals and strategy can be found at <http://www.thelongtermcaresolution.org/home.aspx> . I've also attached the one page flier (an ad published last week in Roll Call).

- **Energy Efficiency** – HUD resources, funds: <http://www.hud.gov/energy/>; <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/library/energy/index.cfm> ; and <http://www.hud.gov/energystar/grantees.cfm> and likely page for announcements regarding the stimulus energy efficiency grant - <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/index.cfm>.
- **Consolidated Plan** – This is what details the priorities and uses of the formula-funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. It is important to become an active participant in this plan development, as funds can be used for a broad array of locally identified and prioritized uses. The documents will usually provide detail on who the primary coordinators and participants are - - so it's a good way to start networking to be part of the next major 5 year plan, or the smaller annual updates.

Find the local/state plans for Georgia at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/about/conplan/local/ga/> (Con Plans around the country can be found at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/about/conplan/local/index.cfm>) I've also attached a fact sheet on what the Con Plan is.