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THANKS ODJFS MEMBERS!

You have made quite an impact!!!

Thanks to the hundreds of calls, letters and emails by OCSEA members to United States Senators Mike DeWine and George Voinovich, the Senate has dropped a proposal within House Resolution 1261 that would have combined federal funding for employment services performed by OCSEA members with that of two other job-training programs into a single block grant.

This is great news for OCSEA members who perform these services! The concession by Senate Republicans and the Department of Labor that also came about as the result of lobbying efforts by OCSEA, the Ohio AFL-CIO and AFSCME International means states won't be forced to fight with other providers for their share of the financial pie.

PLEASE NOTE

The block granting proposal has been removed FOR NOW, but we're NOT out of the water yet. When the Senate returns in September from recess, discussions on the resolution draft will resume. Because of a lot of pressure by the Bush Administration for Republicans to "fall in line" with their plan for employment services, there's a chance that the block granting proposal could be re-inserted.

Stay tuned!
Your ACTION may be needed

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