



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

**RIDERS OF CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS CAN DIMINISH
POPULATION BASED HEALTH AND CONTRIBUTE TO DISABILITY**

A meeting was held with staff of OMB Watch on analysis of the riders attached to the continuing resolution of the House Appropriations Committee bill, (H. R. 1).

Summary

The OMB Watch conducted an analysis of the House FY2011 continuing resolution, (H.R. 1), that provided brief descriptions and locations of provisions of the legislation that included riders. Many of these riders had little or no impact on spending and should have been part of the normal legislative process, which allows for full analysis and debate of their impact. The House held no hearings on the bill and provisions were added from the floor without debate. These policy riders have implications for prevention of diminished health through social determinants of public health that may have adverse human and economic consequence. A description that links public health/disability prevention issues with specific activities associated with H.R.1 follows.

Environmental Protection: Prohibits funding for programs for wetlands, conservation, watershed protection, flood prevention, and climate change staff. In addition, H. R. 1 puts forth efforts that may have adverse impacts to regulate greenhouse gases, water, enforcement of national emissions standard, hazardous air pollutants, limitations on mercury, off-shore oil drilling, surface mining, the Chesapeake water shed, water quality standards, coal ash as a hazardous material, and quality standards to particulate matter

General Public Health: It prohibits funding for sections of Public Health Service Act, Planned Parenthood, and blocks funds for Health Insurance changes.

Violence: Prohibits collection of information on multiple sales of firearms

Nutrition: It prohibits funding to carry out provisions of the Child Nutrition Act

Disability Prevention Issues

The policy riders of H.R. 1 of the 112th Congress has adverse implications for population based health for people in America and undermines public health protections that could contribute to disability. There were over 80 policy riders in H.R.1. Of these 80 policy riders, 28 had implications for protecting population based health that could contribute to disability. The riders decreased access to funds to protect the public's health, changes of government personnel, collection of information associated with government transparency and diminished the effects of federal regulations.

Activity

There will be collaborative efforts with OMB Watch to address the issues of disability prevention/public health of the appropriations process of the of the 112th Congress.

Principle

The appropriation process should address budget issues with no riders that adversely affect the public's health.