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3 By Representative Guin  
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8                   URGING ALABAMA COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES TO EXPEDITE  
9 THEIR PROCESS FOR REQUESTING FUNDING FROM THE ALABAMA  
10 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR  
11 WEATHERIZATION PROJECTS.

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13                   WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Economic and  
14 Community Affairs (ADECA) administers the Alabama  
15 Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), a federally funded  
16 program that provides much needed home weatherization upgrades  
17 to low-income households throughout the state through ADECA  
18 agreements with local community action agencies; and

19                   WHEREAS, Alabama Community Action Agencies' current  
20 procedure for requesting funds from ADECA for weatherization  
21 assistance is cumbersome resulting in unnecessary delay in the  
22 granting of funds for weatherization assistance; and

23                   WHEREAS, this procedure adversely impacts the WAPs  
24 mission to generate significant savings in energy costs for  
25 low-income households, particularly those having elderly  
26 persons, disabled persons, and families with children; and

1           WHEREAS, thousands of low-income households are  
2 struggling with extremely high energy bills as we are  
3 experiencing one of the coldest winters in recent memory  
4 because of the current procedure for requesting funds for  
5 weatherization assistance; now therefore,

6           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That by copy of this resolution we  
8 urge Alabama Community Action Agencies to revise their  
9 procedure for requesting funds for weatherization assistance  
10 so that participation in WAP projects may be increased and all  
11 available funding for weatherization upgrades may be spent for  
12 the thousands of households in greatest need in this state.