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### **New Analysis of President's Budget to Be Released Tuesday Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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*Report Details Significant Cuts in Aid to Alabama* – **Teleconference briefings available to reporters**

MONTGOMERY, AL – The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a Washington budget watchdog group, will release a new analysis of President Bush's budget proposal for 2006 on Tuesday, Feb. 22. Included in the analysis will be data detailing the impact of the budget on Alabama, including cuts in important education and social services programs.

The Center will hold media-only conference call briefings on Feb. 22 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (CST) to discuss the report. The briefings will last about an hour and include a question-and-answer period.

The study focuses on funding levels – and funding reductions – over the next five years for an array of domestic programs, including: education programs, environmental programs, and programs that serve low- and moderate-income families, children, and elderly and disabled people.

The Administration's budget is the first since 1989 to fail to provide information about proposed levels for individual discretionary (or non-entitlement) programs beyond the coming year (2006). For this reason, the estimates contained in the Center's new report were not available when the budget was released February 7.

Now, the Center has been able to develop these estimates by using detailed, technical supplemental budget materials that the Office of Management and Budget provided to the Congressional budget committees.

**To participate in Tuesday's briefings**, you can register on-line at <http://www.cbpp.org/confcall2.htm>; send an e-mail to [bazie@cbpp.org](mailto:bazie@cbpp.org); or call the Center's media team at (202) 408-1080.

To discuss the implications of the proposed budget for Alabamians, contact Mary Weidler at (334) 832-9060.

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