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# SECURE THE SAFETY NET

## Repeal & Replace the Welfare State

### Target Aid to the Truly Needy

### Shrink the Federal Bureaucracy

*Thirty years ago, Ronald Reagan had a plan . . .  
Now it's time to fulfill it.*

When the GAO testified before Congress in 2011 that it did not know how many federal welfare programs there were, or whether they were fulfilling the purposes for which they were originally created, the Carleson Center for Welfare Reform (CCWR) decided to find out. We conducted a program by program review of the 3,500+ page Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance and developed a plan to totally reform the structure of the welfare system:

***We identified 157 specific low-income assistance programs that should be part of a unified welfare reform or eliminated:***

- 127 Programs costing \$529.9 billion in FY 2011 should be redirected to states in the form of block grants:
  - Medical Assistance – 18 programs totaling \$304.8 billion
  - Nutrition – 24 programs totaling \$96.5 billion
  - Supplemental Security Income for the Disabled – 1 program totaling \$52.7 billion
  - Housing – 46 programs totaling \$35 billion
  - TANF – 11 programs totaling \$31.8 billion
  - Employment and Training – 19 programs totaling \$4.9 billion
  - CDBG – 8 programs totaling \$4.2 billion
- 30 programs not providing direct assistance to the poor and costing \$849 million should be eliminated.

Our ***Secure the Safety Net*** proposal, now being put into a comprehensive legislative package for introduction in the House and Senate, provides governors with stable block grants and the maximum flexibility to target assistance to their neediest citizens. It also prohibits federal interference and rulemaking while requiring annual audits to ensure accountability.

Moving federal safety net programs to the states will allow elected officials closest to the people to determine how best to focus limited resources on those most in need. In the process, taxpayers would save more than \$2 trillion over the next 10 years.

Read the full proposal at [www.theWRAF.com](http://www.theWRAF.com).