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Sometimes our message to you with your paycheck is a tough one.

Earlier this spring, we sent you a letter telling you that Congress was seeking to cut funding for the SCSEP program. The funding cut was passed and was even steeper than we anticipated, and we have about 45% less funding than we had last year. We have to reduce the hours for each participant effective in mid June, and this letter is to give you some advance warning of that reduction.

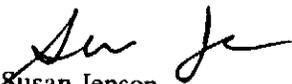
Next week, we will send you another letter with the number of authorized hours you will be able to work. While the reduction will not be as steep as the 45% that our funding was cut, it will be significant. We will also be sending a letter to your host agency supervisor informing the supervisor of the change. The letter to each of you will contain the maximum number of hours you will be able to work each pay period.

The reduced funding impacts all SCSEP programs across the country and thousands of older workers, community based agencies, and program sponsors are affected. During the next seven or eight weeks, we will be holding participant meetings and talking with you in person about the changes in the program due to the funding cuts.

The goal of the program has not changed, which is unsubsidized employment. The SCSEP program provides experience, confidence and knowledge that will support you as you transition to a job where you are on an employer's payroll, not National Senior Network's payroll. Over the summer, we will work more closely with those of you who are actively seeking employment. With those of you who have not been actively engaged in a job search, we will be setting additional goals and objectives for you to work towards in your job hunt.

I realize that this news is unexpected, most likely, and certainly unwelcome. We are committed to assisting you in any way we can as you plan for a reduction in hours and a reduction in your paycheck. Please do not hesitate to contact the office or your case manager if you have any immediate questions – you will hear from me again next week.

Sincerely,


Susan Jepson
State Director

P.S. On Sunday, June 5th, Canobie Lake is free for all seniors 60 and older. From 1:00 to 3:00, there is a Big Band Concert and other activities planned for an older crowd. You will need to show ID at the gate. A beautiful sunny day in a venerable theme park might be just the diversion you need to relax and have some fun.