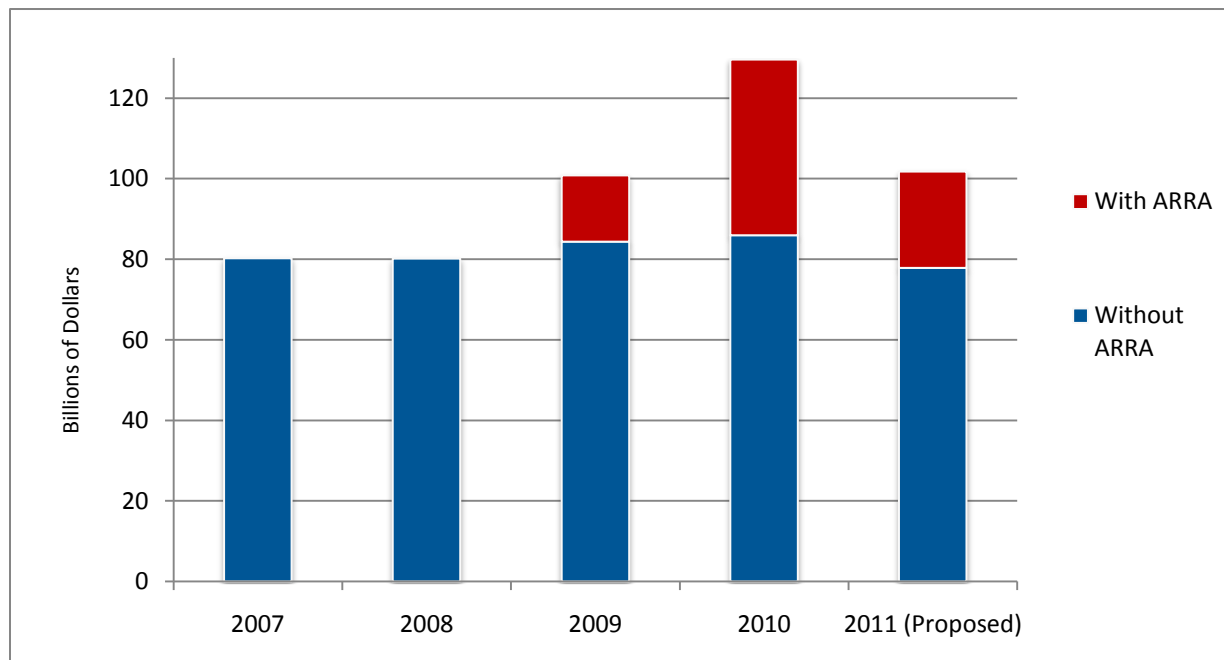




## KIDS COULD FACE AN EVEN BIGGER FUNDING CLIFF IN FISCAL YEAR 2011

The Republican members of the House of Representatives, under the leadership of Representative John Boehner, have proposed cutting this fiscal year's non-defense discretionary spending back to 2008 levels and also rescinding any unspent American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) money.

### Total Non-Defense Discretionary Spending on Children in Real Terms



### HOW CUTTING NON-DEFENSE DISCRETIONARY SPENDING WOULD AFFECT CHILDREN

Returning spending back to Fiscal Year 2008 levels, along with the fact that ARRA money is expiring, will result in a **cut of almost \$28 billion** in real terms, which would equal **over a 21 percent decrease** to children's non-defense discretionary spending when compared to last year's funding levels.

#### *Change in Real Terms:*

- **Health:** Total Health spending would be reduced by \$1.32 billion (22.9% cut from 2010)
- **Education:** Total Education spending would be reduced by \$20.86 billion (22.4% cut from 2010)
- **Youth Training:** Total Youth Training would be reduced by \$430 million (15.7% cut from 2010)
- **Housing:** Housing would be reduced by \$3.95 billion (21% cut from 2010)
- **Safety:** Safety would be reduced by \$30 million (3.4% cut from 2010)
- **Nutrition:** Nutrition would be reduced by \$1.38 billion (18% cut from 2010)

## HOW RESCINDING ARRA MONEY WOULD AFFECT CHILDREN

If unspent ARRA money is rescinded, children's non-defense discretionary spending could face **over \$50 billion in cuts** in real terms. This is a **40 percent cut** when compared to fiscal year 2010 funding levels.

### *Change in Real Terms:*

- **Health:** Total Health spending would be reduced by \$1.64 billion (28.4% cut from 2010)
- **Education:** Total Education spending would be reduced by \$43.48 billion (46.7% cut from 2010)
- **Youth Training:** Total Youth Training would be reduced by \$860 million (31.5% cut from 2010)
- **Housing:** Housing would be reduced by \$4.15 billion (22% cut from 2010)
- **Nutrition:** Nutrition would be reduced by \$1.43 billion (18.6% cut from 2010)

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