

ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND SOCIAL WELFARE

1 Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc., has traditionally been
2 committed to the Jewish ideal of a just society. To that end, Hadassah has consistently
3 supported a Federal social and economic "safety net" for all Americans. Hadassah opposes
4 current attempts to end the Federal commitment to essential social welfare programs.

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6 If such programs are devolved to the jurisdiction of the state governments, Hadassah calls for
7 the creation of a set of fair and consistent guidelines to govern their implementation.

8 Hadassah believes that without such guidelines, citizens may be subject to unequal treatment
9 based upon where they live.

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11 Though we are mindful of the long-term necessity for Federal deficit reduction and the
12 elimination of wasteful or ineffective programs, Hadassah opposes any efforts that result in
13 Federal budget cuts falling disproportionately on our most vulnerable citizens.