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Alert #9a- FY2013

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ALERT SUMMARY:

1. PURVIEW: State (not federal)
2. LEVEL OF MOBILIZATION: Staff, adult learners, volunteers
3. WHO IS BEING CONTACTED: State senators
4. TIME LINE: **Immediate**; budget debate begins in the Senate on Wednesday, May 22, 2013.

CALLS NEEDED TO STATE SENATORS TO SUPPORT ABE BUDGET AMENDMENT

-The Senate Ways and Means proposed FY14 appropriation for ABE line item #7035-0002 is \$30,024,160. This is essentially level funding. The current FY13 ABE funding level is \$30,174,160.

- Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz (D-Boston) is sponsoring a budget amendment to increase the Senate Ways and Means budget appropriation for the ABE line item 7035-0002 from \$30,024,160 to 32,000,000.

- If your state senator already signed on to the ABE amendment, please call him/her to say thank you.

- If you state senator has *not* yet signed on to the ABE amendment, please call to urge him/her to either sign on to amendment.

- **MCAE is also supporting budget amendments for the Citizenship for New Americans Program (CNAP), the Pathways to Self-Sufficiency Pilot, the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund (WCTF) and the new Bridges to College line item. See below for more information on these amendments that affect ABE students and ask your senator to also support**

NEXT MCAE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 14, 2013

10 a.m. to 12 noon

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them when you call.

- MCAE's first priority is to garner as many co-sponsors as possible for the ABE amendment to: (1) demonstrate strong support for increased ABE funding before the budget debate; and (2) to increase the possibility of the amendment reaching the floor for a successful vote.

- Your senator can sign onto any amendment up until the time the amendment is debated on the Senate floor.

- Be sure to speak with an aide if the senator is not available.

- For more information on how to find out who your senator is, a telephone script and instructions to report back to MCAE, please refer to Alert #9 - FY2013 sent on May 15, 2013.

AMENDMENT #391 - \$32,000,000 FOR ABE Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz (Boston)

Co-Sponsors to date:

Senator William Brownsberger (Belmont)
Senator Katherine Clark (Melrose)
Senator Sal DiDomenico (Everett)
Senator Kenneth Donnelly (Arlington)
Senator Eileen Donoghue (Tynsborough)
Senator Patricia Jehlen (Somerville)
Senator Thomas P. Kennedy (Brockton)
Senator Michael Knapik (Westfield)
Senator Mike Rush (West Roxbury)
Senator Karen Spilka (Ashland)

AMENDMENT #671: CITIZENSHIP FOR NEW AMERICANS PROGRAM (CNAP) Senator Creem (Newton)

This amendment seeks to increase funding for the Citizenship for New Americans Program from \$400,000 to \$500,000.

AMENDMENT #293: PATHWAYS TO FAMILY ECONOMIC

SELF-SUFFICIENCY
Senator Donoghue (Lowell) and Senator Donnelly
(Arlington)

Adds language to establish the Pathways to Family Economic Self-Sufficiency Pilot program (Pilot) and invest \$2 million for the Pilot in an outside section to equip low-income families with the tools they need to achieve long-term economic security.

AMENDMENT #315: WORKFORCE COMPETITIVENESS
TRUST FUND (WCTF)
Senator Wolf (Harwich) and Senator Donnelly (Arlington)

Funds WCTF at \$5 million (WFD 7002-1074) to support employer-led training partnerships, aligned to the Commonwealth's economic development strategy. Funds will provide skills development for unemployed persons to achieve jobs and career advancement.

AMENDMENT #358: BRIDGES TO COLLEGE
Senator Downing (Pittsfield)

Funds adult college transition services focused on low-income and entry-level workers to bridge academic gaps of underserved populations and resulting in their college entrance, retention and success. Funds line item #7066-xxxx (specific line item number to be determined) at \$500,000.

QUESTIONS

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