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ALERT

THE VOICE OF
ADULT EDUCATION
IN MASSACHUSETTS

Alert #10 - FY2011

6/9/11

ALERT SUMMARY:

1. **PURVIEW:** Federal
2. **LEVEL OF MOBILIZATION:** Staff, adult learners, volunteers
3. **WHO IS BEING CONTACTED:** US Senators Kerry and Brown
4. **TIME LINE:** **Deadline is June 10 (tomorrow)**

NEED IMMEDIATE CALLS TO US SENATORS BROWN AND KERRY TO URGE THEM TO MAKE ADULT EDUCATION A FUNDING PRIORITY

- The Chairman of the US Senate Appropriations committee will soon make funding allocations to the various sub-committees, including Labor, Health, Human Services and Education, which funds the Workforce Investment Act, Title II for adult basic education.

- **The Chairman must hear from other Senators that we must invest in adult basic education.**

- Please make 2 calls: one to US Senator Scott Brown and one to US Senator John Kerry. It will take less than 5 minutes to make a call. If everyone makes their calls, we could generate thousands of calls and have a real impact.

SCRIPT TO USE

1. Give your name.
2. Ask to speak with an education aide and ask for the aide's name for future reference.

NEXT MCAE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 10, 2011

10 a.m. to 12 noon

UMass/Boston

100 Morrissey Blvd Healey

Library

Media Conference Room

Lower Level

via videoconference:

Holyoke Community College

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3. Urge Senator Kerry/Senator Brown to continue to invest in funding for adult education in the FY2012 Labor, Health, Human Services, Education (Labor-HHS-Education) budget under the Workforce Investment Act (Title II).

4. If you have time, say why adult basic education is especially important now:

- Adult basic education helps adults obtain the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue post-secondary education, training, employment and economic self-sufficiency.
- With more than 13 million Americans unemployed and looking for work, we must do all we can to help job-seekers get the skills, training and credentials they need to re-enter the workforce and obtain gainful employment in today's increasingly competitive and global job market.
- Adult basic education is a cost-effective investment that can help the country recover in these difficult economic times and reduce the societal costs of health care, public assistance and incarceration.

CONTACT INFORMATION

US Senator Scott Brown

Washington DC Office - (202) 224-4543

US Senator John Kerry

Washington DC Office - (202) 224-2742

REPORT BACK

1. Please report back to your Program Point Person. If you do not know who your Program Point Person is or you don't have one, please report back to Jennifer McAllister at MCAE. (jmcallister@mcae.net)

2. Report the following important information to your program point person for each individual call you made:

- Whom you called and his/her response.

- Rate the response from each call separately using this scale:

0 = unknown; left a message;

1 = made a definitive commitment to support the specific request (not just ABE in general);

- 2 = favorable toward request, but no definite commitment;**
- 3 = neutral toward your request;**
- 4 = opposed or negative to the request; definitely will not support it.**

QUESTIONS:

- For questions on this alert, contact Jennifer McAllister at jmcallister@mcae.net or 617-482-MCAE (6223), Roberta Soolman at litvolma@aol.com or 617-367-1313, or Steve Reuys at steve.reuys@umb.edu or 617-287-4071.

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