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ALERT

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Alert #10 - FY2012

4/17/12

ALERT SUMMARY:

1. **PURVIEW:** State (not federal)
2. **LEVEL OF MOBILIZATION:** Staff, adult learners, volunteers
3. **WHO IS BEING CONTACTED:** State representatives
4. **TIME LINE:** **Immediate**, to state representatives who will be debating the House version of the state budget the week of April 23, 2012.

CALLS NEEDED THIS WEEK TO STATE REPS TO SUPPORT 2 ABE BUDGET AMENDMENTS

- **The House Ways and Means appropriation for ABE line item #7035-0002 is \$29,173,112.**

- This amount is \$1.5 million less than the current FY12 ABE funding level of \$30.7 million. In the FY2012 budget approved in July 2011, the ABE line item was funded at \$27,702,108. An additional \$3 million was secured for ABE in a supplemental budget approved in the fall.

- **Rep. Nangle (D-Lowell) filed Amendment # 499 to increase funding for the ABE line item to \$30,707,455. There are 13 co-sponsors to his amendment:**

- Rep. Atkins (Concord)
- Rep. Calter (Kingston)
- Rep. Conroy (Wayland)
- Rep. DiNatale (Fitchburg)
- Rep. Fallon (Malden)

NEXT MCAE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 11, 2012

10 a.m. to 12 noon

UMass/Boston
100 Morrissey Blvd Healey
Library
Media Conference Room
Lower Level

via videoconference:
Holyoke Community College
contact gkohout@hcc.edu for
exact room location

- Rep. Forry (Boston)
- Rep. Kaufman (Lexington)
- Rep. Kocot (Northampton)
- Rep. Malia (Boston)
- Rep. Petrolati (Ludlow)
- Rep. Provost (Somerville)
- Rep. Walsh (Boston)
- Rep. Wolf (Cambridge)

- Rep. Koczera (D-New Bedford) filed Amendment #234 also to increase funding for the ABE line item to \$30,707,455. There are 14 co-sponsors:

- Rep. Andrews (Orange)
- Rep. Cabral (New Bedford)
- Rep. Campbell (Methuen)
- Rep. DiNatale (Fitchburg) - signed both amendments
- Rep. Farley-Bouvier (Pittsfield)
- Rep. Forry (Boston) - signed both amendments
- Rep. Hecht (Watertown)
- Rep. Henriquez (Boston)
- Rep. Provost (Somerville) - signed both amendments
- Rep. Sanchez (Boston)
- Rep. Sannicandro (Ashland)
- Rep. Timilty (Milton)
- Rep. Toomey (Cambridge)
- Rep. Walsh (Framingham)

- MCAE is supporting both amendments to hopefully increase the possibility of at least one of the amendments reaching the floor for a successful vote and to demonstrate strong support for increasing ABE funding prior to the budget debate.

IMMEDIATE CALLS TO STATE REPS TO CO-SPONSOR AMENDMENTS #499 AND #234

- To make sure your representative is included as a co-sponsor on these amendments, he/she **must sign on as a co-sponsor by April 20.** The budget debate begins April 23.
- If your representative has already signed on, you do not need to call now, but be sure to thank your representative in the future.
- Because representatives will be continuously signing on to amendments, if your representative has already signed on by the time you make your call, please thank him/her for his/her support.

- If your state representative has not signed on, please call

and urge him/her to co-sponsor both Amendments #499 and #234.

- Speak with an aide if you cannot speak with the representative directly, and ask for the aide's name for future reference.
- If you do not know who your state representative is, either call the State House switchboard (617-722-2000) or go to wheredoivotema.com

SCRIPT TO USE

1. Give your name.
2. Say you live in the representative's district. If you are registered to vote, say you are a registered voter in the district.
3. Urge the representative to co-sponsor Amendments #499 and #234 to increase funding for adult basic education.
4. If you have time, say why adult basic education is especially important now:
 - People without jobs need ABE services even more now so they can be ready for jobs that emerge as the economy recovers.
 - Unemployed adults who need ABE services are eager and ready to learn, and have the time now, especially while they are not working.
 - Helping adults to improve their basic skills rapidly will help them, individual businesses and the state's economy all increase productivity.
 - While we encourage high school students to complete high school and earn a diploma, adult basic education is an important resource for students who drop out of high school and need their GED to be eligible for training programs, higher education and better job opportunities.
5. If you are a student, say how adult basic education is helping you to achieve your goals.
6. Thank the representative/senator or aide for his/her time, especially if you are told that the representative will co-sponsor the

amendment.

7. Report back so we know who supports this request and where we must do follow-up!

PLEASE REPORT BACK!

1. Please remember to 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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