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ALERT

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Alert #4 - FY 2011

February 28, 2011

ALERT SUMMARY:

1. **PURVIEW: Federal**
2. **LEVEL OF MOBILIZATION: Staff, adult learners, volunteers**
3. **WHO IS BEING CONTACTED: US Senators**
4. **TIME LINE: Immediate**

OPPOSE THE \$3.8 BILLION IN WIA - TITLE II CUTS TO WORKFORCE TRAINING

- On February 19, 2011, the House of Representatives adopted a continuing resolution that cuts nearly \$3.8 billion in federal funding for job training and placement programs funded by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I. The US Senate will consider the continuing resolution when they return from recess on February 28, 2011.
- The federal cuts are to WIA Title I funds and **not to WIA Title II funds that support adult basic education programs** funded by the Adult and Community Learning Services at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- The cuts would result in the immediate closure of most career centers, and cessation of WIA Title I funded training programs and vouchers. The cuts may impact ABE programs that are supported by WIA Title I funds.

OPPOSE THE 44% CUT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANTS

- Also in the continuing resolution adopted by the House of Representatives is a 44% funding cut to the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) program that supports many ABE programs statewide.
- US Senator John Kerry is already on record opposing cuts to the CSBG program.

NEXT MCAE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 11, 2011

10 a.m. to 12 noon
UMass/Boston
100 Morrissey Blvd
Healey Library
Media Conference Room
Lower Level

via videoconference:
**Picknelly Education Center,
Holyoke, MA**

contact gkohout@hcc.edu
for exact room location

Bristol Community College
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anmarie.espindola@bristolcc.edu
for exact room location

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR IMMEDIATE CALLS TO SENATORS BROWN AND KERRY

US Senator Scott Brown: 617-565-3170

US Senator John Kerry: 617-565-8519

SCRIPT TO USE

1. Give your name.
2. Say you live in Massachusetts. If you are registered to vote, say you are a registered voter.

3a. For Senator Scott Brown

- urge him to oppose the \$3.8 billion cuts to workforce training
- urge him to oppose the 44% cut to the Community Service Block Grant Program

3b. For Senator John Kerry

- urge him to oppose the \$3.8 billion in cuts to workforce training
- thank him for opposing the cuts to the Community Service Block Grant program

4. Thank the US Senator or aide for his/her time.
5. Report back so we know who supports this request and where we must do follow-up!

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.

MORE INFORMATION

- For questions on this alert contact Roberta Soolman (litvolma@aol.com or 617-367-1313), Steve Reuys (steve.reuys@umb.edu or 617-287-4071), or Jennifer McAllister (jmcallister@mcae.net or 508-208-0130).



THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO MAKE THESE IMPORTANT CALLS!

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