

ALERT SUMMARY:

- 1. PURVIEW: Federal (not state)
- 2. LEVEL OF MOBILIZATION: Staff, adult learners, volunteers
- 3. WHO IS BEING CONTACTED: Federal Congressional Representatives in Washington, D.C. - not Federal Senators
- 4. TIMEFRAME: Immediate, now through Thursday, March 26

IMMEDIATE CALLS NEEDED TO YOUR CONGRESSIONAL REP. ASKING HIM/HER TO SIGN ON TO CONGRESSMAN GRIJALVA'S DEAR COLLEAGUE LETTER TO APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE TO INCREASE ABE FUNDING TO \$750 MILLION

- Mobilize staff, students and volunteers to call their Congressional Representative and ask him/her to sign on to Congressman Grijalva's "Dear Colleague" letter.
- This request is a \$206 million increase over the current allocation for ABE.
- Congressional representatives must sign on by close of business, Thursday, March 26.
- To sign on, Congressional Representative's office should contact Joseph Mais at 5-2435 or at joseph.mais@mail.house.gov.

SCRIPT TO USE FOR CALLS:

- 1. Give your name.
- 2. Say you are a constituent and live in the congressional district. If you are registered to vote, say you are a registered voter in the district.
- 3. Urge your congressman to please sign the Grijalva letter to the House Appropriations Committee asking for an increase in ABE funding to \$750 million in the federal FY10 budget.
- 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 a result of the Economic Stimulus Package and other initiatives.
 - * 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 nation's economy all increase productivity. ABE is an important investment in any economic stimulus plan.
- 5. If you are a student, say how adult basic education is helping you to achieve your goals.

6. Thank the aide for his/her time.

7. Report back!

REPORT BACK:

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

- Report the following information to your Program Point Person for each individual call you made:

* Whom you called and his/her response.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

- You must call the Washington offices of your congressional representative.

- Rep. Capuano: (202) 225-5111

- Rep. Delahunt: (202) 225-3111

- Rep. Frank: (202) 225-5931

- Rep. Lynch: (202) 225-8273

- Rep. McGovern: (202) 225-6101

- Rep. Markey: (202) 225-2836

- Rep. Neal: (202) 225-5601

- Rep. Olver: (202) 225-5335 (very important to call; on House Appropriations Committee)

- Rep. Tierney: (202) 225-8020

- Rep. Tsongas: (202) 225-3411

MORE INFORMATION:

- If you don't know who your congressional representative is, go to <http://www.house.gov/zip/ZIP2Rep.html>.

- For questions on this alert, contact Roberta Soolman (litvolma@aol.com or 617-367-1313) or Steve Reuys (steve.reuys@umb.edu or 617-287-4071).

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