

Alert #02-07: 2 Thank You Calls Re Even Start

ALERT SUMMARY:

1. **PURVIEW:** Federal
2. **LEVEL OF MOBILIZATION:** Anyone who has the time to make 2 easy thank you calls
3. **WHO IS BEING CONTACTED:** Senators Kennedy and Kerry
4. **TIMEFRAME:** Before you break for the holidays

KENNEDY AND KERRY SIGN ON TO SNOWE-CLINTON LETTER TO RESTORE EVEN START FUNDING TO \$225 MILLION:

- Senators Olympia Snowe (R-ME) and Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) are circulating a letter among their Senate colleagues to support restoring Even Start funding to the FY2005 funding level of \$225 million.

- The current federal appropriation for Even Start has been reduced every year since 2003 and now totals only \$99 million.

- As of yesterday, Senators Kennedy and Kerry were among 14 senators who signed on to the letter.

- FYI, other who signed the letter are: Akaka (D-HI), Boxer (D-CA), Dodd (D-CT), Jeffords (I-VT), Lautenberg (D-NJ), Lieberman (D/I-CT), Lincoln (D-AR), Johnson (D-SD), Abama (D-IL), Salazar (D-CO), Sarbanes (D-MD and Feingold (D-WI).

PLEASE MAKE 2 EASY THANK YOU CALLS TO SENATORS KENNEDY AND KERRY:

- At this very busy time of year, it would be great if we could generate some thank you calls to Senators Kennedy and Kerry to thank them for their very important support of Even Start.

- To continue to build our legislative relationships, it's important that we contact our members of Congress to thank them when they have supported an issue that's important to us, not just when we want to ask them to do something for us.

THIS ARE 2 VERY EASY CALLS:

- My name is _____ and I'm a registered voter in Massachusetts. (If you are not registered and are eligible, please register since your opinion carries more weight as a registered voter.)

- I'm calling to thank Senator Kennedy (or Senator Kerry) for his signing onto the Snowe-Clinton letter urging more funding for Even Start. Your leadership is important.

- Thank you very much for your support of this issue.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

- Senator Ted Kennedy (202.224.4543)

- Senator John Kerry (202.224.2742)

REPORT BACK:

Please email the MCAE office (ktamarkin@mcae.net) to report that you made the calls.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO MAKE THESE 2 CALLS!