

Please note that the correct amendment number for Senator Baddour's amendment is 326. The corrected alert is below. The script has now also been corrected to amendment 326.

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ALERT SUMMARY:

- 1. PURVIEW: State**
- 2. LEVEL OF MOBILIZATION: Staff, adult learners, volunteers**
- 3. WHO IS BEING CONTACTED: State senators (not representatives)**
- 4. TIMEFRAME: Immediate (May 21 - May 23)**

IMMEDIATE ACTION: MAKE CALLS TO SUPPORT SENATOR BADDOUR'S AMENDMENT #326 FOR ABE

- Senator Baddour has filed budget amendment #326 for ABE line item #7035-0002. Senator Wilkerson is a current co-sponsor.

- **The amendment increases the appropriation from \$28.1 million to \$32.5 million.** The Senate's current appropriation of \$28.1 million is less than the House appropriation of \$28.8 million and much less than the \$32.5 million that was appropriated for FY2007 (\$29.5 million plus \$3 million in Economic Stimulus funds).

MAKE 1 CALL TO YOUR SENATOR IMMEDIATELY TO URGE HIM/HER TO:

- Sign on to the Baddour amendment (#326) and vote for it when it reaches the floor for a vote.
- Urge Senate Ways and Means Chairman Panagiotakos and Senate President Murray to support an ABE funding increase and make sure the Baddour amendment reaches the floor for a vote.
- The Senate budget debate is beginning on Wednesday, May 23 and is expected to continue until Friday, May 25. Please make your calls immediately.
- When you call, you can speak to either the senator or his/her aide, or leave a message.

SCRIPT TO USE:

- My name is ___ and I'm a registered voter in Senator ___'s district. (If you are not registered and are eligible, please register to vote since your opinion carries more weight as a registered voter.)
- I'm calling to urge you to sign on to the Baddour amendment (#326) to increase funding for the ABE line item #7035-0002.
- I'm also calling to ask you to please urge Chairman Panagiotakos to support an ABE funding increase and ask Senate President Murray to make sure the Baddour amendment reaches the floor for a vote.
- Adult basic education is important to me because _____.
- Do you know if Senator ___ plans to sign on and vote for this amendment? If you don't know yet, when could I call back to see what he/she decided to do?
- Thank you very much for your time.

IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR YOU TO REPORT BACK AFTER YOU'RE MADE YOUR CALL:

- After you've called your senator, please tell your Program Point Person the following information so he/she can provide a summary of your program's calls to the MCAE Regional Coordinator:

- * the senator you called and the response you received
- * whether you got a commitment to sign on to the amendment
- * whether you got a commitment to vote for the amendment if it reaches the floor for a vote

- More than ever, we must know how many calls we've made and to whom, and their response.

QUESTIONS:

- If you are not sure who your state senator is, go to www.wheredoIvotema.com.
- For your senator's number, call the State House Switchboard (617.722.2000) or go to www.mass.gov/legis and click on the Senate under Legislators.
- For questions about this alert, contact Roberta Soolman (litvolma@aol.com) or Steve Reuys (steve.reuys@umb.edu).

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THANK YOU!

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