

**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)

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**YOUR CALLS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE! BADDOUR AMENDMENT GAINS SPONSORS:**

- As of 4 p.m. today (May 22), Senator Baddour's budget amendment #326 for ABE line item #7035-0002 has the following sponsors:

- \* Wilkerson of Boston (a co-sponsor when the amendment was filed);
- \* Candaras of Wilbraham
- \* Creem of Newton
- \* Knapik of Westfield
- \* Tucker of Andover
- \* Walsh of Boston

**IT'S STILL IMPORTANT TO CALL YOUR SENATOR IF YOU HAVEN'T CALLED YET:**

- While the deadline for signing on as a co-sponsor is 10 a.m. tomorrow (May 23) when the budget debate begins, it is still important for you to call your senator if you haven't already contacted him/her.
- We must continue to build strong support for the amendment so it reaches the floor for a vote and is passed by the Senate.
- Please make your call immediately.

**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.wheredolvotema.com](http://www.wheredolvotema.com).

- For your senator's number, call the State House Switchboard (617.722.2000) or go to [www.mass.gov/legis](http://www.mass.gov/legis) and click on the Senate under Legislators.

- For questions about this alert, contact Roberta Soolman ([litvolma@aol.com](mailto:litvolma@aol.com)) or Steve Reuys ([steve.reuys@umb.edu](mailto:steve.reuys@umb.edu)).

**TO REPORT BACK TO REGIONAL COORDINATORS, PLEASE EMAIL:**

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**THANK YOU!**