

Alert #16-07: Immediate Action - ABE Funding Depends on Calls This Week June 5, 2007

ALERT SUMMARY:

1. **PURVIEW:** State (not federal)
2. **LEVEL OF MOBILIZATION:** Staff, students and volunteers if program is still in session
3. **WHO IS BEING CONTACTED:** Your representative, your senator and legislative leadership
4. **GOAL:** For each person to make 6 phone calls and report back to either local Program Point Person or Regional Coordinator
5. **TIMEFRAME:** Immediate action (June 1 to June 8). Timeline will be updated as needed.

ABE FUNDING DEPENDS ON YOUR MAKING CALLS THIS WEEK

- Your calls were essential in obtaining \$30.1 million for the ABE line item in the Senate budget.
- Your calls are needed now to urge the Conference Committee to agree on the \$30.1 million when they finalize the budget.
- Please act now and do not wait. ABE funding depends on it. Call before your program adjourns. Encourage students to call before they leave for the summer. We know this is a busy time, but the more calls that are made, the better our chances are for securing the amount that we all worked so hard to obtain.
- **Please call the House and Senate leadership to urge them to agree on the Senate amount of \$30.1 million for ABE line item #7035-0002.**
- **Please call your senator and your representative to urge them to contact the Conference Committee members to support the Senate amount of \$30.1 million for ABE.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please refer to Alert #15-07 sent on May 31, 2007 for important additional information, a sample script, instructions on how to report back after you've made your calls, and the telephone numbers for the House and Senate leadership, and the Conference Committee members.
- If you have any questions, please contact either Steve Reuys (steve.reuys@umb.edu) or Roberta Soolman (litvolma@aol.com).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!