

Alert #06-08: Immediate Action re House Amendment and WTF April 23, 2008

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Please send all responses and questions to litvolma@aol.com or steve.reuys@umb.edu.  
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**ALERT SUMMARY:**

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

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**IMMEDIATE CALLS RE REP. BOSLEY AMENDMENT TO INCREASE ABE FUNDING**

- If you haven't already done so, please call your state representative immediately to urge him/her to sign on to **Rep. Dan Bosley's amendment #435** to increase the funding in ABE line item #7035-0002 to \$35 million for FY2009.
- Please also ask your representative to ask **House Ways and Means Chairman DeLeo and House Speaker DiMasi** to support the ABE amendment and make sure it reaches the floor for a vote.
- There are currently 1500+ amendments and the Rep. Bosley's amendment will not reach the floor for a vote if there aren't enough co-sponsors and there isn't enough visible support.
- **Show your support today for ABE and for Rep. Bosley's hard work on behalf of ABE by taking 5 minutes to make your call!**
- See MCAEAlert #05-08 (4/18/08) for a telephone script, important report back instructions, whom to call for questions and additional information.

**MCAE ALSO SUPPORTS THE WORKFORCE COMPETITIVENESS TRUST FUND**

- When making your calls, we also encourage you to ask your representative to support Rep. Torrisi's amendment (#777) to fund the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund at \$15 million.
- The Trust Fund will provide job training for 5500 workers so they can get a family sustaining jobs and help fulfill the labor needs of Massachusetts companies. Many of your ABE students could benefit from the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund.
- The legislature included funding for the Trust Fund in the Economic Stimulus Bill of 2006. Governor Patrick also supports funding for the Trust Fund.

### **SCHOOL VACATION WEEK**

- We realize this is school vacation week, which makes it difficult for some people to make calls. However, we must be able to respond to the legislative budget calendar over which we have no control.

- Please make your important call -- even if you make the call on Monday. Representatives can sign onto amendments all the way up until the amendment is debated on the floor.

**THANK YOU!**