

Working Family Agenda

Action Alert: You can impact the State Budget!

The House is writing their budget for the upcoming year. We need you to call your Representative to make sure the following items get in the House Budget!

Health Care

1. Restore benefits for adult MassHealth that were eliminated in 2001, including dental care, dentures and eyeglasses (\$22 million increase in **line-item 4000-0870**).
2. Restore health benefits to 10,000 taxpaying legal immigrants, including parents of young children, and elderly and disabled individuals (\$15 million increase in **line-item 4000-0870**).

Housing

1. Increase the operating subsidy for public housing to pay for urgently-needed repairs (\$9.3 million increase in **line-item 7004-9005**).
2. Increase funding for the Mass Rental Voucher Program. With President Bush's deep cuts to Section 8, we need our state voucher program more than ever (\$20 million increase to **line-item 7004-9024**).

Welfare

1. Include the Cabral-Creem bill (**House Docket # 3777 or Senate Docket #572**) as an "outside section." This would preserve welfare benefits for families headed by parents with severe barriers to employment and serious disabilities, or parents in education and training programs.
2. Oppose Gov. Romney's proposals to eliminate exemptions from the welfare time limit and work requirements for adults who the state has deemed too disabled to work as well as mothers in the 3rd trimester of pregnancy and recipients taking care of disabled family members. Romney's proposal would result in many people losing badly needed welfare benefits.

Closing Tax Loopholes

1. Close tax loopholes that corporations and wealthy taxpayers use to avoid paying their fair share of taxes – would raise nearly \$200 million in new revenue for core services (**House Bill 21**).

Call Your State Representative TODAY - 617-722-2000

Or email your Rep at Rep.[*your Rep's first name and last name*][@hou.state.ma.us](mailto:rep@hou.state.ma.us)
To find the name of your State Rep ("Rep in General Court"), log on to www.wheredoivotema.com

Hi, my name is _____. I live [or work] at _____. I am calling about this year's budget. I would like you to support:

- Restoring MassHealth benefits, including adult dental coverage and MassHealth benefits for legal immigrants
- Increased funding for public housing maintenance and the Mass Rental Voucher Program
- Supporting the Cabral-Creem welfare bill to preserve welfare benefits for needy families.
- Closing corporate tax loopholes to fund programs that have been cut over the past 3 years

Thanks. My phone number is _____.

Please call 508-678-5497 or email at dfastino@aol.com to confirm your call

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