

MCOA Members

On April 16th the Board of Directors of MCOA voted unanimously to support Mass Home Care's request to seek additional funding from the Massachusetts House in FY11 for the Protective Service Line Item and for the ECOP and Home Care Purchase Service Line Items. We view additional funding as critical for our partners in community based care. Al Norman has made it very easy to directly show your support to your legislators thru their website: www.masshomecare.com Click on the **E-Alert Tab** on the right side which will take you to the list Click on

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Or simply go to <http://www.masshomecare.org/AdvAlert/AdvocacyAlertsDetail.asp?sequence=77> and read his explanation and follow the instructions to contact your state Representatives

Or you can go to www.mass.gov/legis - scroll down on the left – click on House for a listing of telephone numbers.

Your message can be brief: "I stand with the Community Based ElderCare Community to show support for..." or "I want to register my support for Amendments #..." or simply "Please support Amendment #..."

MCOA's Board asks all members to choose one of these options to show your support. This week is critical- please send those emails and make those calls today.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!

David P. Stevens
Executive Director
Massachusetts Councils on Aging

P.S. In case you missed it **MCOA Alert FY11 #2A** detailed that the House Ways and Means (HWM) proposal for **FY11 maintained the \$7/elder/YEAR and added \$100,000 to Service Incentive Grants**. We encourage all members to also **thank every member of the House** for this: **HWM FY11 Proposal= \$8,215,068 for Line Item #9110-9002 "We are very pleased, thank you"**

For more details on the overall budget go to www.mass.gov/legis and scroll down to FY11 Budget Site and click on HWM FY11 Proposal

Senate Next Up: Stay alert in early May- **Contact your Senator now** and let them know that we are happy with the HWM FY11 Proposal and hope they will match it.

From: Al Norman [mailto:anorman@fchcc.org]

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2010 10:33 AM

To: mhc@fchcc.org

Cc: mhcadvocate@fchcc.org; chet.jakubiak@verizon.net; 'Margaret Movelle'; david@mcoaonline.com

Subject: FY 2011 Budget Emails Up to 218

Importance: High

Please circulate this memo to your email list.

HAVE YOU SENT YOUR STATE REP AN EMAIL YET ON THE FY 2011 BUDGET?

To: Advocates
Fr: Al Norman

As of Tuesday, April 20th, a total of 42 individuals have sent 218 emails to State Representatives on the budget!

We can't complain later on that the legislature gave us no funding if we don't ask--- loudly and repeatedly.

We are keeping a daily count of who is emailing from our website, www.masshomecare.org.

When I sent out a reminder on April 16th, 35 people emailed.

But today, only 1 person has emailed so far!

Lawmakers are gone this week during school vacation---but their staff are watching the emails come in. We need to generate several thousand emails by the start of budget debate next Monday.

PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE NOW, CLICK ON THE MAILBAG IMAGE, AND TAKE TWO MINUTES TO SEND YOUR MESSAGE ABOUT THE NEED FOR MORE HOME CARE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES FUNDING. JUST OPEN THE LATEST ALERT POSTED THERE AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS.

You don't have to leave your chair. It doesn't get any easier than this to advocate for seniors.

And if we don't do it, other people will get their amendments adopted, while we go without.