The Future of English At Large: A Few Minutes of Your Time Could Have a Big Impact

Representatives Richard Haggerty, Michelle Ciccolo, Sean Garballey, David Robertson, Ken Gordon and Bradley Jones have filed Amendment #1254 to secure funding for English At Large in the FY 2020 Massachusetts State Budget.

Your voice will make a difference! Call your Representative TODAY to secure his/her support for **Amendment #1254** to sustain important local educational services for immigrants in your community. We have provided a very short script for you:

After your calls, please send a short email to Maureen (ed@englishatlarge.org) letting us know how the representatives or staff responded. Thank you for your advocacy of behalf of English At Large!

The Script
Hello, this is [your name]. I'm calling from [your town] on behalf of English At Large, an organization I support.
Background Last year our State Legislature acted to protect services that help immigrants in your district become better integrated into their communities with a \$100,000 earmark for English At Large. This funding supports life-changing services for more than 500 local immigrants, giving them the skills and knowledge they need to access health and other community resources, advance their education, support their children, secure employment, and obtain citizenship.
More than 200 volunteers are engaged in this work, all organized, trained, and supported by EAL staff as tutors, conversation group facilitators, career mentors, book group leaders, and teachers of Beginner English.
This \$100,000 earmark represents almost half of the funding for English At Large services for your immigrant constituents in [name of town]. We need <u>your</u> help, as a State Representative, to continue this earmark funding, in order to keep these services available to your constituents.
Call to Action

Please help us by doing the following:

Join in the effort to continue state funding for EAL programs. Representatives Haggerty, Ciccolo, Garballey, Robertson, Gordon and Jones have filed Amendment #1254 to the House Budget to secure funding for English At Large. Please vote to pass Amendment #1254 to ensure that this funding is included in the final FY 2020 Massachusetts House State Budget.

Thank you for your interest and support!

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