

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

Senator Cindy Friedman has filed Amendment #292 to secure funding for English At Large in the FY 2019 Massachusetts State Budget.

Your voice will make a difference! **Call your Senator TODAY to secure his/her support for Amendment #292** 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 senators 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

In November our Executive Director, Maureen Willis, met with your staff to explain that DESE [*the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pronounced DEH-see)*] funding will no longer be available to the organization after July 1, 2018.

This funding enables English At Large to provide English language services and to help immigrants in your district become better integrated into their communities.

Last year alone, EAL programs empowered over 500 immigrants and refugees to access health and other community resources, advance their education, support their children, secure employment, and obtain citizenship.

More than 240 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.

DESE funding represents almost half of the funding for English At Large services for your immigrant constituents in _____ [name of town]. We need your help, as a State Senator, to keep these services available to your constituents.

Call to Action

Please help us by doing the following:

- **Join in the effort to restore state funding for EAL programs. Senator Cindy Friedman has filed Amendment #292 to the Senate Budget to secure funding for English At Large. Please vote to pass Amendment #292 to ensure that this funding is included in the FY 19 Massachusetts State Budget.**

Thank you for your interest and support!

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