

LOUISIANA CITIZENS FOR ACTION NOW

Advocating for Louisiana Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

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**ACTION ALERT**

**Write to Joint Budget Committee Members  
February 12, 2009**

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1. **Write to the state senators and state representatives from your area that are on the Joint Budget Committee.** Below you will find a Sample Letter, a list of legislators from your area with their addresses and a link to email addresses for senators and representatives.  
2. **Reply to this email** confirming your action.

**The 2009 Legislative Session will begin April 27th.** These legislators are already having committee meetings and beginning to think about what will be funded or not funded in the budget. More NOW waiver slots are needed for those on the waiting list. **Please take action today.**

**Sample Letter**

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Dear Senator/Representative: I urge you to:

1. Appropriate funds for an additional 2,000 NOW slots. Additional NOW slots are desperately needed for the more than 9,400 people waiting more than 9 years for services. The NOW Trust Fund can support additional waiver slots.
2. Require DHH to consolidate and close Louisiana's developmental centers. Savings realized from the closure of additional developmental centers can be used to help support continuation funding for additional NOW slots. These tough economic times require a renewed look at how Louisiana spends scarce funds. Louisiana currently spends \$191 Million per year for 1,112 people with developmental disabilities to live away from their communities in six developmental disabilities.

(If you/your child are on the waiting list, include a sentence about how long you/your child has been waiting for needed supports.) Your past support of NOW slots is greatly appreciated and is still needed for the thousands who continue to wait for needed supports.

Joint Budget Committee Members

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1. Senator Robert M. Marionneaux, Jr., P.O. Box 577, Livonia, LA 70755-0577
2. Senator Sharon Weston Broome, P. O. Box 52783, Baton Rouge, LA 70892
3. Representative Eddie J. Lambert, P.O. Box 241, Gonzales, LA 70707
4. Representative Patricia Haynes Smith, 525 Florida Street, 3rd Floor 300G & 300H, Baton Rouge, LA 70802
5. Representative Thomas H. McVea, P. O. Box 217, Jackson, LA 70748
6. Representative Hunter V. Greene, 11281 Old Hammond Hwy. Building C-1, Baton Rouge, LA 70816
7. Representative M.J. "Mert" Smiley, Jr. 18590 Highway 16, Suite 5, Port Vincent, LA 70726

**State Senators' Email Addresses**

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Click on link below to find senators' email addresses.

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**Any Questions?**

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If there are any questions about the information in this email contact LaCAN's Coordinator by replying to this email, or calling the toll free number listed below.

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