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MCAE Leadership Circle and Organizational Membership Drive

Thank you to the more than 35 ABE programs from across the state that have joined MCAE as organizational members, 19 of those programs have joined the MCAE Leadership Circle. When your program becomes an organizational member of MCAE or joins MCAE's Leadership Circle, you add your organization's voice to our statewide network of adult basic education programs and add strength to our advocacy and public education efforts. Become an MCAE organizational member or join the MCAE Leadership Circle today! To join [click here](#).

MCAE Endorses the Campaign for Our Communities Initiative

MCAE Board of Directors voted to endorse the Campaign for Our Communities Campaign and join the broad coalition of communities, business people, and labor to preserve essential services in a fair and balanced way. The Campaign for Our Communities seeks progressive tax reform to raise at least \$1 billion in new revenue to help address the state's funding shortfall. A centerpiece of the campaign is legislation sponsored by Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz and Representative Jim O'Day, entitled "*An Act to Invest in our Communities*".

The act proposes to restore the income tax rate from 5.3% to 5.95%, and includes an increase in personal exemptions enough to hold down increases for middle class families. (\$4,400 single/\$8,800 married to \$7,900 single/\$15,800 married). It also proposes an increase of the dividends and interests rate from 5.3% to 8.95%, with an exemption for low and middle income seniors and disabled persons. This legislation raises revenue to maintain funding for our communities, schools and healthcare.

MATSOL 2011 Conference: May 5-7, 2011

Join the Massachusetts Association of Teachers of Speakers of Other Languages(MATSOL) on Thursday May 5th through Saturday May 7th for the MATSOL 2011 Conference, One Size Doesn't Fit All: Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners. On Saturday May 7th the workshops will focus on Adult, Workplace and Higher Education. For more information or to register go to www.matsol.org. Registration will close once the conference is full.

Working Conditions Blog!

Join the conversation at "[Making a Living \(?\) in Adult Education](#)" and post your comments! Let's continue the conversation about our ABE working conditions! Poor working conditions not only impact ABE practitioners, they impact ABE students!

If you would like to submit your thoughts, send articles or posts to Working Conditions committee blogmaster Jana Pickard-Richardson (janapr02@gmail.com) or leave a comment on the blog. We're looking forward to hearing from you. [Check it out!](#)

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