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Statewide Coalition Calls for the Passage of Comprehensive State Budget Immediately

"Making Work Pay PA" asks elected officials to get down to business and do their job

Philadelphia: Making Work Pay PA, a coalition of 29 advocacy and direct service organizations that span the entire breadth of PA are calling on the Pennsylvania Legislature and Governor Wolf to pass a fair, balanced and economically sustainable budget for the entire year. Anything less is unacceptable to Pennsylvania's children and families.

The ongoing budget impasse is having devastating effects on services and programs for children, seniors and families Pennsylvania Coalition members offer. Partner agencies have been feeling the financial squeeze since state funds have been cut off due to this impasse. Many organizations have cut services and staff and do not possess funding reserves or lines-of-credit to continue to weather this gridlock.

A temporary, stopgap budget will only prolong this conflict and continue to damage programs and organizations who are simply looking to help those most in need.

A fully funded, economically sound budget that is fair and responsible is the only answer to this self-inflicted wound that has been brought upon the people of Pennsylvania.

Coalition Members:

*WOMEN'S WAY *Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition
*A Woman's Place *ACHIEVEability *Americans for Democracy in Action (Phl) *Career Wardrobe
*Coalition for Low Income Pennsylvanians (CLIP)
*Community Action Association of PA *Community Justice Project *Community Legal Services (CLS) *DVAEYC
*Housing Alliance of PA *Just Harvest *Lutheran Advocacy of PA *Maternity Care Coalition
*National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc.- Pennsylvania Chapter *PA Budget and Policy Center
*PA Council of Churches *PA NOW *PA Prison Society *PathWays PA *Phila Unemployment Project (PUP)
*Planned Parenthood Southeastern PA * Public Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY)
*The Center for Hunger-Free Communities at Drexel Univ.
*Unitarian Universalist PA Legislative Advocacy Network (UUPLAN) *Women Against Abuse
*Women and Girls Foundation *Women's Opportunities Resource Center