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“Raising Our Voices for Youth”

Call-In Day: Wednesday, April 3, 2013

Please make plans to call your State Representative and Senator to ask for their support to help end unaccompanied youth homelessness. To find out who they are, go to: <http://www.malegislature.gov/People/FindMyLegislatorAddressDetail>. Fill in your address and click on the link of your legislators to get their information. The general State House switchboard number is 617-722-2000. When you call, you can also speak with an aide if you can't reach the legislator. You can make a difference!

PHONE SCRIPT RE: UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Good morning/afternoon! My name is _____ and I am an individual member of (name of UCC Church and location). I live at (your address) and my phone number is _____. In light of the MACUCC 2011 Resolution to End Homelessness among Youth and Young Adults in Massachusetts, I am calling (your Representative/Senator's name) today to share my concerns for the more than six thousand unaccompanied youth and young adults experiencing homelessness.

I am asking (Representative or Senator's name) to:

- ³⁵/₁₇ Read the Report of the Special Commission on Unaccompanied Homeless Youth that will be released by March 31, 2013 and attend the Legislative Briefing on Tuesday, April 9th, 1- 2:30 p.m. in Room 437 of the State House. Please send an aide if (Representative or Senator's name) cannot attend.
- ³⁵/₁₇ Support House Bill 135 “An Act Providing Housing and Support Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth” (Lead sponsors: Representative Jim O’Day and Senator Katherine Clark).
- ³⁵/₁₇ Include \$500,000 in the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget through the Executive Office of Health and Human Services administrative line item 4000-0300 to address the needs of unaccompanied youth and young adults experiencing homelessness by funding housing and services, and by conducting an unaccompanied youth count to better understand the scope of need for this population. The concrete needs for housing and supportive services for unaccompanied homeless youth are addressed in the Report of this Commission.

Thank you for your time and interest in these landmark opportunities to do the right thing for youth and young adults of our Commonwealth. (If you speak to an aide, you also can say: “Please get back to me to let me know what the Senator/Representative will do.”). Have a nice day!

Complete the advocacy circle! Call 781-595-7570 - Kelly Turley ext. 17 or e-mail Kelly@mahomeless.org, Samantha Alves ext .20 - Samantha@mahomeless.org to let us know what

happened in these phone conversations. Samantha may post your remarks on the Coalition's blog at www.mahomeless.org.