

# LOUISIANA CITIZENS FOR ACTION NOW

*Advocating for Louisiana Citizens with Developmental Disabilities*

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**Action Alert - Protect the NOW Trust Fund May 13, 2011**  
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**Protect the NOW trust fund**  
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- SB144 would require all special funds to be abolished by June 30, 2012. This includes the NOW trust fund.
- The Senate Finance Committee will meet on Monday, May 16th, at 1:30 p.m. in Senate Room A-B to discuss this issue.
- If protecting the NOW trust fund is important to you, please email Senate Finance Committee members and let them know that you do not want to see the NOW trust fund abolished as called for in SB144.

**Contact members of the Senate Finance Committee**  
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**Sample letter - you are encouraged to personalize**

Dear Senator

I am writing to urge you to protect the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) Trust fund. This fund provides a source of revenue for new NOW slots. The New Opportunities Waiver provides critical services that help individuals with developmental disabilities live in their homes and communities. SB 144 would abolish this fund and jeopardize the availability of new NOW slots. Sincerely,

**Confirm your Action**

Reply to this email to let us know you took action.

**Background Information**

The NOW trust fund establishes a source of revenue to fill new NOW slots. [SB144](#) would abolish all trust funds, including the NOW trust fund, by June 30, 2012.

**Any Questions?**

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

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