



# LaCAN

## Louisiana Citizens for Action Now

### **ACTION ALERT - There's Still Time to Contact the Appropriations Committee on the Governor's Proposed Budget**

The House Appropriations Committee will soon begin debating House Bill 1. LaCAN's legislative/advocacy agenda includes the need for funding of vacant and new waiver slots, Families Helping Families, the Individual and Family Support Program, and the Consumer Care Resources Program - all services that help people with developmental disabilities live in their own homes. **Funding for the waiver slots IS included in the Governor's proposed budget. Funding to restore cuts to the other programs is NOT.** It is very important for you to share with members of the Appropriations Committee how you feel about what is/is not included in the proposed budget and how important these services are to people with developmental disabilities.

#### **IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO...**

**Call, email or write the Chairman and member(s) of the Appropriations Committee in your region. Communicate the importance of KEEPING funding for the waiver slots in the budget. Communicate the need to ADD funding for the other programs.**

**The deadline for this alert has been extended to Monday, March 10th!**

See the [Fact Sheet](#) on each issue on LaCAN's legislative/advocacy agenda.

Contact your [Regional LaCAN Leader](#) for assistance in writing your letter or to join other advocates making legislative visits in your area.

#### **Contact the House Appropriations Chairman & Committee Members**

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### Confirm Your Action

**Don't forget to let us know you took action!**

[Reply](#) to this email or notify your [Regional LaCAN Leader](#) to confirm your action.

### Why confirm your action?

This helps us to know how effective we are in reaching you with this information and engaging members across our state in advocacy for systems change.

### Background Information

Each year, State Government Departments submit their proposed budgets to the Division of Administration. The Governor and his staff then review these proposals and develop the Executive Budget. The budget is then presented to the legislature and becomes House Bill 1 (HB 1).

Read the Council's LaDDC News article (linked below) to see what Governor Jindal has proposed for Fiscal Year 2015 as it relates to services for people with developmental disabilities.

[LaDDC News - Fiscal Year 2015 Executive Budget](#)

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### Any Questions?

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