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Urgent Need to Get Amendment Sponsors!

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Center for Independent Living, Inc.



Greetings!

On Wednesday, April 11, the House of Representatives released their version of the FY' 2013 budget.

Independent Living was level funded, and our requested increase of \$1.1 million was not included. Representative Tom Sannicandro is sponsoring an amendment to the budget to increase IL funding. This increase will allow us to more effectively work with more people.

We need you to call your state representative and ask him or her to co-sponsor Representative Sannicandro's amendment.

"Mr Sannicandro of Ashland moves to amend the bill in section 2, in item 4120-4000, by adding the following: "provided further that \$50,000 be expended for assistive technologies."; and in said item by striking out the figures "\$12,229.279" and inserting in place thereof the figures "\$13,379,279".

What can you do? Please call your state representative immediately, and ask him or her to co-sponsor Tom Sannicandro's amendment to the line item 4120-4000, Independent Living Services. Tell him or her why Independent Living is important to you. Contact information for all representatives, as well as a "Find a Legislator" feature, is available at the [mass.gov state web site](http://mass.gov/state-web-site).

After you call your representative, please let Tom Sannicandro's staff know by contacting Representative Sannicandro's office at 1-617-722-2013 or [Tom.Sannicandro@mahouse.gov](mailto:Tom.Sannicandro@mahouse.gov).

from Paul Spooner, Executive Director of MetroWest Center for Independent Living

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## Independent Living Education Day At the Statehouse

Last Wednesday, April 4, over 180 advocates from all over Massachusetts descended on the Statehouse to educate our legislators about Independent Living. State Senators Karen Spilka

and Jamie Eldridge, as well as State Representatives Ellen Story, Gloria Fox, Denise Andrews and Michael Brady gave excellent presentations! After more inspiring talks by IL directors, consumers and more, everyone went to their own legislators' offices to ask for increased funding for Independent Living. Each person had their own story to share, and we're confident that our message got through.

For more photos of the day, visit our website at [www.mwcil.org](http://www.mwcil.org) and select the Photos link.



Paul Spooner and Steven Higgins





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