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Washington Senator Calls for Restoration of Adult Ed Funding

Senator Maria Cantwell (D/Washington) has circulated a letter to her colleagues in the Senate asking them to support restoring funding for state grants for adult basic education and literacy to the Fiscal 2006 budget. Senator Cantwell's letter calls for a full restoration of funding to its current level of \$585 million.

The letter says, in part: "In the 21st century global marketplace, the economy will continue to ebb and flow, requiring workers to be highly skilled to meet these dynamic needs. Improving and ensuring access to quality education at all levels of the learning process is critical to keeping America moving forward. One way to do this is to preserve quality learning programs such as Adult Basic Education."

ProLiteracy Worldwide has issued a Public Policy Alert asking supporters of adult basic education and literacy to contact their senators and to ask for support for Senator Cantwell's letter.

For more information, contact the [Council of State Directors of Adult Education](#) Web site.

[Click here to read Senator Maria Cantwell's letter.](#)

[Click here to read the letter to Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Arlen Specter.](#)