



**STATEWIDE “CALL” TO ACTION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION
JANUARY 25, 2012**

On **Wednesday, January 25**, please set aside five minutes to call your local legislators and Governor Corbett and ask these policymakers to protect the mission of PASSHE and provide quality education for the Commonwealth by investing state dollars. **Below are easy steps to take on Wednesday, January 25:**

1. Click [HERE](#) to look up your legislators’ contact info and fill in the blanks:

a. Representative is _____ Phone number is _____
b. Senator is _____ Phone number is _____

Governor Tom Corbett: Phone: 717-787-2500

2. Talking points for the conversation:

- With the 5 percent requested freeze, the total loss of state appropriations would total more than \$112 million and would total a 23 percent cut for 2011-12. We are already bearing impacts of the 2011-12 budget cut in the form of... *(Fill in the blank with your story.)*
- Education is my top priority issue as a taxpayer and voter. We must invest in the Commonwealth. About 80 percent of PASSHE alumni reside in Pennsylvania after graduation, making an investment in PASSHE an investment in the Commonwealth’s economic engine.
- I am concerned (outraged, distressed) about rising class sizes, loss/realignment of programs, staff freezes/retrenchment... *(Please continue to discuss your own experience.)*
- The average State System graduate finishes school with more than \$23,000 in student loan debt, yet tuition had to be increased 7.5 percent to make up for the loss of state funding... *(Discuss the unique qualities of PASSHE students and why this tuition increase has brought hardship on them.)*
- For every dollar invested in PASSHE by the Commonwealth via direct state appropriations, the universities return about \$6 in total economic impact to the state. Investing in PASSHE is good for Pennsylvania because... *(Fill in the blank with your story.)*

Don’t forget to let them know you plan to follow them on these issues and see what happens.

3. AFTER YOU CALL, simply email Ty Marks at tmarks@apscuf.org and let us know whom you called, and we will assign Frontline Faculty points to you.