

EXHIBIT 36  
DATE 3/2/11  
HB 2

Charles Adams Jr.  
8515 Western  
Missoula, MT 59808

To Whom it May Concern:

Please continue funding Adult Basic Education with good reason. Public Schools are failing our students. Students need to be able to have a second chance and get their GED to make a better future.

*Charles Adams Jr*

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Taavi Nushart  
1922 s. 12<sup>th</sup> West #3  
Missoula, MT 59801  
March 2, 2011

To Whom It may Concern:

A lot of people depend on Adult Basic Education funds. We would not have the money to pay for the GED. I know that I would not be able to. If you take away the funding, you would be ruining a lot of lives. I do not think it should be taken from us. Please restore \$525,000 to HB2 to keep ABE programs alive.

After I get GED I want to go to college. I can not do this if I do not have my GED. I need my GED to fulfill my dreams.

Sincerely,

Taavi Nushart

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Taavi Nushart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

Chris Bommarito  
2822 Mary Jane Blvd.  
Missoula, MT 59801

Joint House-Senate Appropriations Committee:

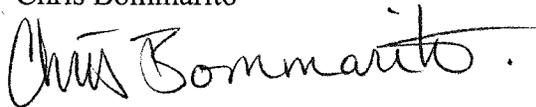
I want to start by telling you how grateful I am for this chance to obtain my GED. I'm not quite sure of the reason why Adult Basic and Literacy Education is not going to be funded anymore. I do know there are a lot of people who also need this chance for whatever reason.

The cancellation of funding is just not fair, not just to people who want to better themselves, but to the teachers who are well educated and dedicate time to help students individually. I see all types of people here, from high school students, farmers, to parents.

I myself am a high school dropout. I've been out of school for more than 15 years. After studying for three months, three hours a day, 4 days a week, I am ready to take the official GED tests. I cannot explain how happy and excited I am to move into college and pursue a career in Fish and Game. Without ABLE, I would not have been able to achieve this dream of mine. Please restore the \$525,000 for Adult Basic and Literacy Education to HB2. Help Montanans be more!

Sincerely,

Chris Bommarito

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Bommarito". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

DJ Ruth  
2323 Ernest Ave  
Missoula, MT 59801  
February 28, 2011

Dear Appropriations Committee:

I am writing you because the funding for ABE is being cut. I would like to let you know how important this program is to me and the other students like me. I came here for my GED to get a higher paying job because I make minimum wage and now days it takes more to live.

We need the funding to continue classes. I need to come to class to learn the skills I need to reach my goal.

Please don't cut funding for ABE from HB2 because today most jobs require a GED and ABE is a blessing.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "DJ Ruth". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

DJ Ruth

To the Joint Appropriations Committee

Please restore Adult Basic Education Funding to HB2 it is only 525,000

Adult Basic Education has helped me a lot with my work here.

I was home school for many years and Adult Basic Education is helping me reach my goals. I want to start college and do better in life and Adult Basic Education is helping me do that.

Thanks for listening

*Chelsea Devlin*

Chelsea Devlin

Anna Baker  
1409 Illinois bench rd  
Stevensville, Mt 59870  
March 2, 2011

Dear Appropriations Committee:

Please restore the \$525,000 for Adult Basic and Literacy Education to HB2. I have only been studying for a week now with the Adult Basic Education and they are helping me to get my GED, and I know that the way they help us here works! I went to high school for only my freshman year they did help but could not give me the time I needed, but here I have time and I am making progress. My goal is that I can get my GED so I can succeed.

Anna Baker

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Josh Anderson  
P.O. Box 18303  
Missoula, MT 59808  
March 2, 2011

Dear Appropriations Committee:

Please restore the \$525, 000 for Adult Basic and Literacy Education to HB2. I have been studying here since December. I do have a diploma, but want to brush up on all my skills and learn things that I did not learn in home school. My goal is to become a lineman. I am a father with 2 girls and a wife and want to be able to provide a steady income for them. My time studying here has been extremely helpful in increasing my confidence and skills so that I am ready for college.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Josh Anderson".

Josh Anderson

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jason Celander. I am a student at ABE and have been a student since 1/3/11.

I just wanted to say that pulling the funds from an education program such as ABE WOULD BE DEVISTATING to me and several other students who attend at ABE.

Not everyone gets the second chance to get an education; whether it be they don't have the time or the motivation but that's not the case here there are several students who attend at ABE .This is a second chance for me to get an education, I'm a convicted felon. The prisons don't offer the best education, so it's extremely hard to learn anything in that kind of environment. So what I want to ask you is "Why would you want to pull the funds for ABE when all the students work hard every day plus take the time out of there lives to be a part of something that you are trying to take away?" This is a very important program and it needs the funds that we have currently, which is barely enough anyways. This program is helping me learn the things that I wasn't able to learn for what ever reasons.

I have goals set that ABE has helped me set. I want to finish getting my GED and go to college to get even a higher education so I can have a career.

If you take these funds away from us, myself and many other students won't get the second chance to get an education and maybe go to college.

We want you to think about what your trying to do to the people who work and pay taxes We as the people deserve to have a place where we can go and learn the things that we didn't learn and the things that we need to know to get a better education and be able to get into a good college. Please, we ask don't take what little funds we have!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jason Celander.

To Whom This May Concern. Hello my name is Alisha Potts. I am writing to ask if you could please restore 525000 for Adult Basic and Literacy Education. I am working on obtaining my G.E.D. so I can get a good job. I want to go to college to provide a good future for my family. I know a lot of young families that have not yet gotten their G.E.D.S. Some are people I run into on the streets. Some are part of my family. Some are my vary own friends. They can barley support their own let alone pay for G.E.D. Class time and Daycare. We need this funding to help us off of our feet. PLEASE CONTINUE FUNDING FOR ADULT BASIC EDUCATION.

Adult Basic Education is very important to Montana. ABLE gives people a second chance: no one is perfect. Without education, many people can not further their career or go to college or reach the full potential in life. 524 ABLE students this past year have enrolled in post secondary education, increasing their earning potential and contributing to Montana's economy.

If we parents cannot further our education, our children's ability to learn is deterred. If parents get educated, children are more likely to stay in school and succeed. These are a few reasons funding should not be cut. I hope you consider the effect this will have on Montana's future.

Desiree Burch

I am in a wheelchair because of my severe spina bifida. I attend ABE because I need to get my GED. ABE has helped me with my reading, writing, and just life skills in general. My goals after I get my GED are to go to college and go for a better job. We need funding for the Adult Education programs so people without a high school diploma can go back and further their education. There are many reasons people don't finish high school. Some have children, some have to take care of sick family members, some are removed by their parents to work. Give them a chance to better themselves. Please do not take away funds for the ABE program.

Kendra Riggs

**Michael McBride**  
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*To:* Missoulian

*Re:* Adult Basic Education

Dear Editor of the Missoulian,

The Montana legislature has cut funding for the Adult Basic Education program statewide. I feel this is a terrible thing to do. There are people who need this program to better their lives, and for some of us this is the only option we have.

I wasn't able to finish high school as I had a daughter at a very young age. I have attended technical school for my trade to better take care of my family, but I have never been able to get the jobs I wanted because I didn't have my high school diploma. Now that I have worked for over twenty years in a manual trade, I am 40 years old and almost unable to maintain the physical demands I am asked to do.

I decided to go to college at the University of Montana to further my education so I would be able to work at a less strenuous job. I need to keep working as I am not going to be able to retire any time soon. I feel this is the only option I have left, as I can't afford to start somewhere else at a minimum wage and expect to survive. After checking into my options, I was told I need my GED to go back to school. I am now enrolled in adult basic education. I was given an assessment test and I am taking the necessary classes that I need to be able to take the GED tests and pass.

Without the help of adult basic education I would not be able to further my education because it is imperative that I am able to work with the instructors here to better help me prepare for these tests. I believe this community would be at an extreme loss without this program, so I ask your help in saving this program as there are many people that could benefit and better their lives as I am doing. We really need you to write to our legislature to help in save this program.

Sincerely,

Michael McBride

In Montana over the last year, Adult Basic Education has served 5773 people of different ethnic backgrounds. People deserve the right to try for a higher education. The more education a person has, the better member they will be in the community. They will have higher paying jobs and pay MORE TAXES. My plan after getting my G.E.D. is to apply at MSU for Architecture. I would like to be on the forefront of sustainable, eco friendly building. I would not be able to achieve these goals without the hands on learning techniques the teachers at ABE provide. I know there are other individuals who would not be able to achieve their goals without these programs. Please restore \$525,000 for Adult Basic and Literary Ed. Please don't cut funds for Montana's brighter future! Fund Adult Basic Education!

Daniel Connor

I come to ABE because I want to get my G.E.D done like every one else who dropped out of high school at a very young age an came from a dysfunctional home because you need some kind of Education in this life to get some where in life. I have been attending ABE classes and it has been very helpful in my basic skills of my every day life I have been learning things that I have never knew before on top of that I really like attending these classes. It helps. When I get my G.E.D done I would love to go to college to make my life better and to have a good Education on my back so that one day I could have a chance at being SOME ONE Some day so that I could have a better opportunity at life. I would like the funds to continue so people like me could have a chance.

Mary Ellen Bremmer

Re HB 2

I Lanica Ray hope that you would not put this bill as an order. I am almost forty years of age before I came to these classes I only had an eighth grade education. If it had not been in the long life learning center I would not have the wonderful reading skills or archived the quality of the nature of mathematics skill, I have to day. The blessing in this school is we have the best teachers here our teacher have represented us with loyalty understanding and respect most of us are her for a reason to study and learn. this bill would be un justified for our community would you think what would happen to the public in our community the job marketing our families shelters for other with out education I believe our community will fail. What about our foreign friends who come to our country who knows only enough to greet them self but not be stable but would like to start a new life for their families like learn our national language we who come to be a student here with out your help for our educational part in the community there is no example for the future education is needed rather your young or older there should not be any limits I like to understand that there comes a time that some people may make a chose.

Lanica Ray

I came to ABE after a year of being out of high school because I was severely bullied to the point of being spit on and getting into many fights because I was "different". There was so much drama I could not concentrate on my school work, now in ABE there is high school drama and I can focus on getting my education in what I think is a healthy learning environment. I want ABE funds to continue because I think this is a better learning environment and people can focus better when they have so many wonderful teachers supporting them and actually care about helping them get an education, it's wonderful program that should be continued because it give so many opportunities to people that didn't finish high school. So please vote against HB2.

Olivia Crowely

To The Appropriations Committee:

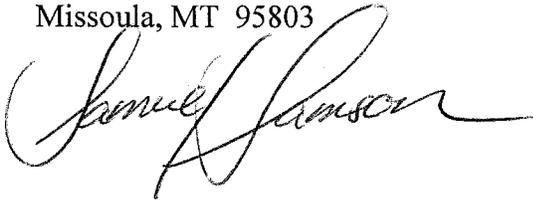
Please restore the \$525,000 for Adult Basic and Literacy Education to HB2.

I have been attending this school for eleven months. I dropped out of high school my senior year. I had no future until I started classes. Now that I have been attending, I have improved many of my skills. I had no idea how much I had to learn. I have completed 4 out of 5 tests to receive my GED.

This school gave me the courage to pursue my future for myself. I will have a better chance to go to college and embark on my career. I am forever grateful to this school and staff. If you take it away, there will be no future for other students who want to receive their GED's. Please restore this school's funds for everyone like me to have a better chance to pick themselves up.

Sincerely,

Sam Samson  
111 E. Crestline Drive  
Missoula, MT 95803

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam Samson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name and address.

Dillon Stiles  
2348 Kensington Avenue,  
Missoula, MT  
March/01/2011

**Whom to It May Concern**

This letter is concerning the HB2 funds for ABE. Please restore the \$525,000 that the Adult Basic Education receives for the adults and younger kids that want to pursue their basic education. I believe that if these funds are discontinued there would more likely to be a higher dropout rate and the crime rate would be out of control. So, my understanding is that I would like to please ask don't discontinue the ABE because we all deserve a second chance to make something of our lives.

I'm going to get my GED, so then I can go on to college over at the University Of Montana. We all know we can not have a great future without a high school diploma or a GED those are important but we need college degrees so then we can have a great future for our families. I hope that you can change your mind so then we can pursue our education.

Thank you,

Dillon Stiles

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3/2/2011

Please Restore \$525,000 For the Adult Basic Education Program and Literacy Education to HB2.

My Story is I've been a drop-out of High School For 5 yrs now, I had one semester left in my Senior year. And I think The Adult Basic Education and Literacy Program Has helped me and many others like myself Become successful in Academics and it also helps me and motivates me to Further my Education.

And it'll help gain my employment experience, I want to work but I need education to do that, "need = Job to support my lil ones," And to live right.

Joshua Little Bird

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Missoula, Montana

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The Legislature.

I think you should keep funding the adult learning program because alot of people cant go back to school & need an education to get a job. without the Adult Learning program I wouldnt be able to get a GED & I would be in jail right now. I need to get a GED so I can get a job or even go to college. So please restore \$25,000 for adult basic & literacy Ed. to HB2

Levi Leavens

417 River Dr

1060 Mt

To our Montana legislators,

Missoula Adult Basic Education's English as a Second Language class is well attended by consistent students. They are doing their best to improve their English to thus improve their lives by participating and contributing to our community. To not fund Adult Basic Education would be a disservice to the ESL students and, ultimately, Montana. Please read their attached letters to understand the importance of this program and please continue to support funding.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Teasdale  
English as a Second Language  
Missoula Adult Basic Education  
jrteasdale@mcps.k12.mt.us

To our Montana legislators,

March 1, 2011

Missoula ABE is very important to me because it is the main tool that I have to learn English and to communicate with people in the English language. It is not just important to me but for all people that come to Missoula from all over the world, some of them as families of students at the University of Montana. Without the school, it would be almost impossible for us to become part of the Missoula community because of the language barrier. So, please keep the school open and keep the funding for its operation. It is very important to all of us.

Orlando Ruiz Rivera, Colombia

Missoula Adult Basic Education is very important to us because it helps us to improve our English and helps us in our lives in the United States. We think funding should continue for ABE in Montana.

Viktor and Svetlana Khomenko, Russia

Missoula ABE helps me to improve my English and gives me a lot of help in my life in the USA. The staff in ABE is very friendly to help students. They teach us very well. I think funding should continue for ABE in Montana.

Taikei Suyama, Japan

This school is very important to me. Every day I go to school and study how to speak English, how to write correct sentences, grammar and even how to live in the USA. This school gives me the opportunity not just to study English, but my whole life in the US. I study US government, economy, society and culture in this school. So, this school teaches foreigners all about US life. If this school closes, it means many foreigners lives close.

Hyun Joo Lee, South Korea

To our Montana legislators,

March 1, 2011

Missoula Adult Basic Education is very important to me because it helps me to improve my English through communicating with other people in class. By learning about American culture, history and traditions, it also helps me to feel confident in my real life outside of the school. I think funding should continue for ABE in Montana since most people cannot afford to pay for it themselves due to the economic situation in the country.

Alsu Burganova, Russia

Missoula ABE is very important to us because it can let the foreigners know the US culture well and can help lots of people study English. It helps improve their English in their lives in the US. So, I think funding should continue for ABE in Montana.

Dan Liu, China

Missoula Adult Basic Education and the English as a Second language Program is important to me because it helps me to adapt to my new life here in the US with my American wife. I am improving my English language skills to participate with the community and trying to have better communication with people. Also, it is important to have classes for free because I am not working yet.

Please support us!

Also, I can take my child with me and keep him in the Even Start program. This is also important to me.

Rafael Goerne, Mexico

The reason why I'm in Adult Basic Education is because it is mandatory for me to get my GED. I really think it is helpful for a lot of students that have not finished high school. We need to better our lives in our future to succeed on going to college, and become something in our life. I have been wanting to finish it up and go to college and be able to support my family and kids, to better their lives and mine. I really don't like the proposal to take away the funds because really what is the point taking our education from us and our kids? You legislators need to keep the funds going because it is not a lot of money at all. How are we supposed to live without an education and be able to teach our kids?  
FeAunna Williams

To Whom It May Concern:

The reason why I need and want Adult Basic Education is because I want more education. I want to go to college. I have a low education so I need this program and so do many other students. It helps because we get one-on-one help and I enjoy the communication. This program will help me be successful in the future. I live on a fixed income (SSI) and this program pays for me to learn. It is mandatory for me to be here by the State. I am a convicted felon who needs this opportunity to be more successful in my goals. My goals are to have a nursing degree in a few years. It is important to keep the funds because then we know where the money is going: when we learn, it's not just for now, it's for life! The money helps to build Montana, and we will get better jobs.  
Colanda Lint

Joint Appropriations Committee:

This letter is concerning the funding of our Adult Basic Education. I understand that it seems as if most of us are too lazy to finish high school, but please, listen to those of us who need this program and benefit from it. I am doing everything I can right now to get educated and advance as much as possible to attend college in the near future. If I had the choice, I would go back to high school and graduate, move on to college and be successful. For a lot of people, that's not an option. From here on though, we want to move forward with the tools and education we can only get from Adult Basic Education. I have a lot of goals I am shooting for after I graduate with a GED. I would like to go to college for a degree in accounting and start working in stocks. I want to be successful, and I'm confident the other students attending ABE do too. Without this program, many of us would not be able to pursue our dreams and goals because we couldn't get this kind of chance at our basic education. I ask you, please don't cut our funding. Help us move forward and be successful. I need this program and many others do too. Thank you for considering our letters.

Jordan Mantzey

Joint Appropriations Committee:

Adult Basic Education is important to me because I would like a better life for me and my kids. I think this program is very helpful for many people

I am here to get my GED. I would like a better job. I dropped out of school because I had a son when I was in high school and I needed to support him. I have realized that I needed a better education to provide a better future for me and my kids. I would like my

kids to think about their education and not drop out. I would like to get my education and know there is somewhere for people like me to get their GED and be able to go to college for a better future.

There are a lot of people that come here for help. Some people come for extra math lessons. They come here so they can get better at writing or doing essays. There are many different things they teach here. They help many people. They help people get better jobs and help them better themselves.

If you took this away, you would take a lot of people's futures away. You pull education away from those who need it. The people who come here do so because they need help. It is great that this kind of service is available for those who need it.

If your kids or grandchildren needed help, what would you do? You would like to have these services here for them. If your family needed to update their subjects or need help with anything for school to better themselves, this would be here for them as well.

These schools don't just help us, they better us.

Jason Miller.