

**Sample script for calling your state representatives and senators to override Governor Healey's veto of line item 4510-0811 in the legislative budget.**

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***For Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) leaders/staff, Multidisciplinary team (MDT) members and/or service providers***

Good *[morning, afternoon, evening]*!

My name is *[your name]*, and I work with the *(your CAC)* as *(your role)*.

First, I would like to thank you for your generous support in your budget for Children's Advocacy Centers and the Massachusetts Children's Alliance. The amount allocated in your budget of \$5 million reflects the collective statewide need so that CACs and MACA can effectively serve child victims of sexual abuse and exploitation.

Governor Healey, through a veto, cut the legislative budget for CACs by \$950,000. I am calling to ask *[Representative/Senator name]* to support an override of Governor Healey's budget veto to budget line item 4510-0811. In her note with the veto, the Governor stated that the reduction represented the program needs. Her reduction is ill-informed and will affect your most vulnerable constituents, child victims of sexual abuse and exploitation.

As a professional who works with this population, I respectfully ask *[your Representative/Senator name]* to support an override of the Governor's veto of 4510-0811 and reinstate the legislature's budget recommendation of \$5 million.

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***As a concerned citizen:***

Good [morning, afternoon, evening]!

My name is [your name], and I am a constituent from [your location].

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As a constituent, I respectfully ask [your Representative/Senator name] to support an override of the Governor's veto of 4510-0811 and reinstate the legislature's budget recommendation of \$5 million dollars.

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