

**Template email asking state representatives and state senators
to override Gov Healey's budget veto of budget line item 4510-0811**

**As a Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) leader, Multidisciplinary team (MDT)
member and/or service provider:**

Dear Representative/Senator *[name]*,

My name is *[your name]*, and I am a *[service provider, executive leader, board member, volunteer, etc.]* with *[the name of Children's Advocacy Center]*.

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 via 4510-0811 reflects the collective statewide needs so that Children's Advocacy Centers and the Massachusetts Children's Alliance can effectively serve child victims of sexual abuse and exploitation.

The Governor vetoed this recommendation and reduced the funding by \$950,000 stating the following: "*I (Governor Healey) am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary. This will allow the program to continue its current level of services.*" This reduction is ill informed and will affect your most vulnerable constituents, child victims of sexual abuse and exploitation.

[please insert here why level funding from FY '23 would not be adequate]

On behalf of *[agency name]*, I respectfully ask you to support the override of the Governor's budget and restore the legislative funding for 4510-0811 to \$5 million.

Sincerely,

[your name, position, and agency]

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As a concerned citizen:

Dear *Representative/Senator (NAME)*,

My name is *[your name]*, and I am a constituent from *[your location]*. 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 via 4510-0811 reflects the collective statewide need so that Children's Advocacy Centers and the Massachusetts Children's Alliance can effectively serve child victims of sexual abuse and exploitation.

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As a constituent, I respectfully ask you to work with your colleagues to override Governor Healey's veto to the FY '24 legislative budget.

Sincerely,

[your name, and include your address if you feel comfortable]