October 8: 100 Days and Counting

Dear GPNP Members,

Yesterday, Pennsylvania's House of Representatives voted down Governor Tom Wolf's revenue proposal 127-73. According to The PLS Reporter's Jason Gottesman, Republicans and Democrats in Harrisburg differ in their opinions on the vote's significance. However, Gottesman concluded his article with:

... [T]he silver lining from Wednesday's vote is that both sides did seem to agree on two things: the dynamic has changed and both sides need to sit down and think outside the box about how to solve the budget problems.

Today marks the impasse's 100th day, meaning that we are days away from surpassing the record set by the 2009 impasse. We know that many of you are feeling the pain caused by the impasse and we are working to ensure that the Governor and the Legislature understand the harm caused by the impasse. This week, The Forbes Funds President Kate Dewey and I spoke with reporters about the data we obtained through our survey of nonprofit service providers. GPNP Advisory Team Chair John Lydon, Every Child Inc. Executive Director Laura Maines, and First Step Recovery Executive Director Keith Giles also spoke with the media to share their agencies' stories. The articles can be viewed at:


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We are continuing to advocate on behalf of all of our members by meeting with legislators, working with other regional and statewide coalitions, and by sharing our message through traditional and social media channels. If you have not done so already, please have your organization join in the #PABudgetMeans social media campaign.

It is more important than ever for you to call, write, and visit your legislators. You can find your legislator's contact information here. If you have any questions about the budget or want to share your organization's story, please contact us by replying to this email.

Next week, we have an amazing opportunity to show solidarity and employ coordinated communications via social media to the Legislature. Please register by clicking on Summit 2015: Our Region Wins When We Work Together. Because of the budget impasse, we have arranged for you to register now and pay once the state budget has passed.

Thank you very much,

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