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PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS PROGRAMS

Labor & Industry Secretary Sandi Vito expressed extreme disappointment and concern over the Senate Republicans' proposed spending plan that cuts key workforce development and training programs when Pennsylvanians need them the most. The plan also cuts safety programs and services for individuals with disabilities.

"At a time when Pennsylvania is suffering rising unemployment and falling job counts as a result of the national economic downturn, it is disappointing that the Senate Republicans have responded to the growing needs of citizens with a budget plan that eliminates key workforce development and training programs," Vito said. "These initiatives have proven to boost our economy and create opportunities for Pennsylvania's workers and their families. Eliminating funding for these programs is a disservice to businesses and employees they are intended to assist in becoming more competitive in the global economy."

Senate Bill 850 calls for more than $16 million in workforce development cuts – $3,613,000 for industry partnerships and $12,754,000 for industry partnership worker training activities. Industry partnerships bring multiple employers together in the same industry cluster to address common or overlapping workforce needs.

"The cuts to industry partnerships and industry partnerships worker training programs would deny nearly 30,000 workers the opportunity to increase their education and improve their skills. These cuts would also diminish the ability of participating employers to remain competitive," Vito said. "Nearly one-third of the state's 77 industry partnerships would be inactive after 12 months and nearly 60 staff would lose their jobs without this funding.

"When faced with the tough decisions of our current financial situation, Governor Rendell had the fortitude to ensure these initiatives, and the opportunities they provide, received funding to continue the progress they've been making."

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What's going on Next Week…..

"Intro to CareerLink Services"
Presented by Kim J.
Tuesday, May 5th, 10:00-11:00 am

"Interview Basics & Salary Negotiation"
Presented by Kim J.
Tuesday, May 26th, 12:00-2:00 pm

"Career Exploration"
Presented by Kim J.
Wednesday, May 27th 9:00-2:30

"Job Changes & Your Retirement Assets"
Presented by Linda Worthington
Thursday May 28th, 10:00-11:00

"Employer Website Assistance"
Presented by Ken O.
Friday, May 29th 3:00-4:00 pm

More than 6,300 employers currently participate in 77 partnerships across the state. Since 2005, when the industry partnership program began, more than 73,000 workers have participated in training resulting in an average increase in wages of 6.62 percent.

"Initiatives like the industry partnerships and industry partnerships worker training are critical to the revitalization and strengthening of our economy," Vito said. "To eliminate programs that provide economic security for our workers and keep our businesses competitive is counterproductive.

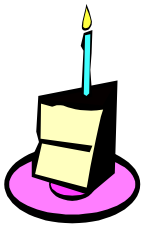
"The proposed Senate budget also could stifle economic growth by creating long delays for critical safety inspections," Vito said. "Construction projects and the workers on those projects will suffer because of delays in plan reviews due to the lack of staffing. This spending plan does not take into consideration the stifling effects it will have beyond the state agencies whose funding is being cut. A backlog of 5,200 inspections for buildings, elevators, boilers and pressure vessels, flammable and combustible gas and liquefied petroleum gas installations would likely result due to the cuts in the proposed Senate budget."

The proposed Senate budget will detrimentally affect people with disabilities with the elimination of the Assistive Technology program a $488,000 reduction in funding for the Supported Employment program.

OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is more than the start of summer. It is a chance to pause and remember the sacrifices -- remember the gallantry and bravery -- remember the fallen. The "Memorial" in Memorial Day has been ignored by too many of us who are beneficiaries of those who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom and liberty. Often we do not observe the day as it should be, a day where we actively remember those Americans including our ancestors, family members, loved ones neighbors and friends who have paid the price for the blessings of liberty. You can change this by doing the following:

- By visiting cemeteries and placing flags or flowers on the graves of our fallen heroes.
- By flying the U.S. Flag at half-staff until noon. Memorial Day is a day of "National Mourning." Claim your free flags right now by visiting AmericanFlags.com
- By attending religious services of your choice.
- By visiting memorials.
- By participating in a "National Moment of Remembrance" at 3:00 PM local time, to pause and think upon the meaning of the day and for taps to be played where possible.
- By renewing a pledge to aid the widows, and orphans of our fallen dead, and to aid the disabled veterans.



Happy May Birthday to.....

John Casella

Mary Donato

Jackie Healy

Don Langlois

Charlie Montalbano

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

TEAMOLOGY

TEAM: A number of persons associated together in work or activity to perform a common goal.

CareerLink

Administration TEAM

The Pocono Mountains Hospitality Golf Scholarship, in partnership with the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau and PA CareerLink Monroe County, will be held July 1st, 2009 at Skytop Lodge. Proceeds from this tournament will benefit local students who will be entering post-secondary education in the field of Hospitality and Tourism. We are still seeking golfers and sponsors for the tournament. Call 570-620-2960 for information.

Customer Information & Resource TEAM

The CareerLink seminar attendance has continued to soar. For the month of June, we will be adding an extra "Resume and Cover Letter" workshop to the schedule along with additional "Computer Basics". Please encourage job seekers to SIGN UP and get here 15 minutes before the start of the seminar as the seats fill quickly.

The Information Seminar "Job Changes and Your Retirement Assets" will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 10:00 am. Anyone with questions on how to pull retirement accounts together after job loss should attend. The Seminar is presented by Linda Worthington of Worthington Wealth Management. The topics covered include:

- Understanding Your Retirement Options
- Ways to invest your money after you change jobs
- Making the most of tax-advantaged accounts.

Careerlink TEAM Meeting Schedule

Administration Team: Monday, June 8th at 8:00 am.
Business Services Team: Wednesday, May 27th at 9:00 am.
Career Guidance Team: Thursday, June 18th at 9:00 am.
Customer Information & Resource Team: Wednesday, June 3rd at 2:00 pm.

JOB ORDERS Spotlight

Pleasant Valley Manor

—Social Worker
-web 634398

RX Home Care Inc

—Home Health Nursing I Therapist
-web 633509
—-Home Health Care Aides
-web 633508

Genco Supply Solutions

—Logistics Senior Supervisor
-web 634388

Highland Express Shuttle

—Van Driver
-web 635501

Caesars Paradise Stream

—Dining Room Servers
-web 634246
—Banquet Servers
-web 634242

Citizens Bank

—Branch Manager
-web 635114

Writing on the Wall....

To many people miss out on the silver lining because they're expecting gold.

-Maurice Setter

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