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Advocate for Temple and Higher Education

Dear Colleagues,

All of us, Temple faculty, staff, students and administration, understand that government policies, laws and funding can help, or hurt, Temple. It is up to us to advocate to make elected officials do what they can to support the University's mission. If you take the time to contact them, your legislators will listen to you when the time comes to vote on key issues that affect our students, ourselves and our university's mission of education and research.

In June, the Pennsylvania General Assembly voted to provide Temple this fiscal year (2010-2011) with level funding, i.e, the same amount as was appropriated for last year. These days, when states around the country have been cutting higher education budgets, this is a big victory for higher education and for Temple's basic mission. We should thank our legislators for doing the right thing.

TAUP believes that working jointly with the university when we are on common ground strengthens our efforts to influence government on issues. Thus, we want to let you know about a new University program, Temple Advocates Legislative Outreach Network (TALON). that provides a means for you to easily reach your elected officials: you can thank them for their support of Temple's funding and tell them what you think.

TALON is part of Temple's Office of Government Relations, and serves as the primary liaison between the university community and government on all levels: federal, state and local. You can quickly send your opinion on pending legislation or issues important to you by using the TALON website. At this site you will find a set-up that allows you to email your elected representatives on a variety of current issues.

TAUP believes its members can work in common with the administration to serve the best interests of us all. We ask that you take time to visit the TALON site to see how you can help. First, send a note of thanks to your legislators for the passage of this year's appropriation. If we thank our legislators when they do the right thing, they will pay more attention when we ask them for support in the future.

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