

RISE Delaware™ Update: Annoying “Action Letters”

Hi SEBC Observers and other friends,

So you as the most involved people in our effort are aware, below is a post that I did today on our RISE Delaware Facebook page as a result of an unfortunate "action" letter campaign by ROMA yesterday. If you have questions, please feel free to email me.

Regards,
Mary

AS POSTED TODAY -

ANNOYING “ACTION” LETTERS JUNE 27, 2024

Hi All,

If you receive a request from someone other than RISE Delaware asking you to write an “action” letter, please consider the source of the request. Letters which are not well thought out can backfire, as did the letter ROMA urged people to broadcast yesterday to all legislators using these words:

“Please Pass HB 281 and HB 282. The Legislature has to pass our bill and make them Law and we only have 48 hours to do it! The Governor vetoed HB 282 has not touched HB 281. We need the legislature to override the veto and The Governor Pass HB 281.”

Boy did we hear about that campaign! Here is a strong message I got from a legislator about it this morning:

"180 freaking emails from [a] crazy crew in the past 12 hours encouraging me to support a veto override that we already did [on HB 282] is so unbelievably annoying and irresponsible. Them using an email service that does not distinguish between who the sender has as their senator and representative is extremely disrespectful and wasteful and counterproductive. It makes it really hard for us to do our jobs and find actual emails worthy of our attention in these last days of session." The legislator concluded with a colloquial phrase meaning "I am mad."

As I hope our supporters can appreciate, RISE is very careful and strategic when it asks people to take action (or not) - based on our team collaboration (and with the benefit of great advice from former Senator Karen Peterson) in coordination with legislators, other elected officials, union members and many knowledgeable RISE supporters.

Please understand that RISE would **NEVER** urge action with legislators that could be "unbelievably annoying and irresponsible," or "extremely disrespectful and wasteful and counterproductive," such as yesterday's ROMA letter. (The letter also oddly asked the legislature to have the Governor "pass" HB 281 when it was already law and the Governor, who is not part of the legislative branch, does not "pass" laws.) RISE would never have urged people to write any nonsensical letter, let alone an annoying one, or

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send almost any letter indiscriminately to all legislators, especially in the last days of session. Karen Peterson is adamant about that.

If you have questions, feel free to ask in comments and I will try to answer as time permits or email risedelaware@gmail.com.

Regards,

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