

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett recently announced his proposed budget which, if passed, will result in an unprecedented 52 percent cut in state funding for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE). This presents a great challenge for Clarion University, but also provides an opportunity to show what makes Clarion great. To learn about how Clarion University positively impacts students, alumni, friends and community, visit <http://www.clarion.edu/241739/>

### **What You Can Do**

Current and future Clarion students need your help. Please write to your legislators and tell them how Clarion University has had a positive impact on your life. If you are a Pennsylvania resident, you can find contact information for your local officials by visiting <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/#address> . If you live outside of Pennsylvania, it is suggested you direct your message to the legislators of Clarion County. Their contact information can be found at the link listed above, by searching with the zip code "16214".

Use the positive impact statements and following open-ended sentences (if applicable) as guidelines to create a personalized, sincere message:

- I chose Clarion because...
- I am studying (or studied)....
- I plan to pursue (or pursued) a career in ....
- I choose to live and work in Pennsylvania because...
- Access to an affordable education gives (or gave) me the opportunity to...
- If tuition for our currently enrolled student increases, the impact to our family will be...
- Clarion University is valuable to the Clarion community because...

In order to have the greatest impact, all messages must reach the appropriate officials no later than Friday, April 15. Messages sent earlier could be especially timely, as a team of students, alumni, and trustees will be in Harrisburg April 4 and 5 speaking with legislators during PASSHE Advocacy Days. We strongly urge you to consider carbon-copying the e-mail address [bmurray@cuf-inc.org](mailto:bmurray@cuf-inc.org) on e-mails to officials or forwarding copies of letters to our office so that we may track the efforts made on behalf of the university.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of current and future students of Clarion University. For more information, visit [http://www.passhe.edu/inside/ne/pnp/Pages/Budget\\_Updates.aspx](http://www.passhe.edu/inside/ne/pnp/Pages/Budget_Updates.aspx) or contact the Clarion University Alumni Association at [bmurray@cuf-inc.org](mailto:bmurray@cuf-inc.org) or 814-393-2572.