

# ACT NOW FOR A FAIR BONUS IN 2010!

Over the next month the Tennessee General Assembly will be working to pass a budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1. In February Governor Bredesen proposed a budget that contains a **3% one time bonus for all higher education employees**.

It is essential that higher education workers, our families, friends, and other members of the community call the legislature to urge them to support this bonus proposal. Additionally, the union is calling for the bonus to be distributed as an equal dollar amount to every higher education employee instead of based on a percentage.

Below is a list of legislators that need to hear from you. The call is toll free to Nashville. When calling oftentimes you will be speaking with a staff member in the office. In addition to identifying who you are, here is a suggested script:

"I want to encourage Senator \_\_\_\_\_ or Rep \_\_\_\_\_ to support the Governor's bonus proposal for higher education workers. Please also ensure that it is distributed as an equal dollar amount to every employee."

Below is a listing of legislators who are leaders that will have some influence on this budget. We encourage you to call these officials even if they are not your elected official. The official's respective phone extension is located next to their name.

If you need to look up who your elected official is, go to the UCW's website at <https://ucw-cwa.org/content/find-your-elected-officials>

Call 1800-449-8366 and use the following extensions:

## **Knoxville Area Legislators**

State Representative Harry Brooks— Extension 1-6879

Senator Jamie Woodson— Extension 1-1648

Senator Tim Burchett— Extension 1-1766

## **Middle Tennessee Legislators**

Senator Bill Ketron— Extension 1-6853

Representative Stratton Bone— Extension 1-7086

Representative Donna Rowland— Extension 1-2804

## **Chattanooga Area Legislators**

Senator Andy Berke— Extension 1-6682

Senator Bo Watson— Extension 1-3227

Representative Tommie Brown— Extension 1-4374

## **Martin Area Legislators**

Senator Roy Herron— Extension 1-4576

Representative Mark Maddox— Extension 1-7847

Representative Jimmy Eldridge— Extension 1-7475

## **Memphis Area Legislators**

Representative Lois Deberry- Extension 1-3830

Senator Reginald Tate- Extension 1-2509

Representative Larry Miller— Extension 1-4453