

October 27, 2025

To: Members of the Bucks and Montgomery County Legislative Delegation
Pennsylvania General Assembly

Subject: Enough Is Enough: Pass a State Budget and End the Impasse

Dear Senators and Representatives,

On behalf of the Bucks-Mont Collaborative – a nonpartisan network of more than 130 nonprofit organizations primarily serving the health and human services sector in Bucks and Montgomery Counties – we write to share the results of our recent Budget Impasse Impact Survey and implore you to act.

As you return to Harrisburg this week, we urge you to pass a state budget now and bring this impasse to an end. Each day without a budget inflicts deeper harm on our member organizations and, most importantly, on your constituents who rely on them. The people we serve are the people you serve – families, seniors, veterans, students, and workers in every corner of your districts.

Our members are the backbone of our region's community infrastructure. They provide housing, behavioral health care, food assistance, and countless other supports to our most vulnerable neighbors. They are trusted stewards of state dollars – partners who turn public funding into real results, often the very organizations your offices call when constituents need urgent help. They are the ones keeping families afloat while waiting for state funding to flow. But they are drowning.

The attached snapshot summarizes what we are hearing directly from member organizations through our recent Collaborative Advocacy Network (CAN) survey. Responses reveal that nonprofits are already suffering serious disruptions to vital services:

- Nearly 80% of responding organizations have already been directly affected by the impasse - delaying vendor payments, cutting spending, or reducing staff and services.
- Another 11% say they will have to make cuts within the next two months if state funds remain frozen.
- Nine in ten report growing moral distress and burnout among staff.
- Food pantries, shelters, and behavioral health providers describe empty shelves, delayed payrolls, and families turned away.

Behind every number is a story:

- A domestic violence shelter where staff buy food for residents out of their own paychecks.
- A housing provider fearful residents will lose jobs or fall behind on rent.
- A nonprofit forced to limit food pantry access because demand now exceeds supply.

We know resolving this impasse is not simple, and we deeply appreciate that members of this delegation – on both sides of the aisle – have long been steadfast advocates for health and human services funding. You are in these roles because you care deeply about your communities and have the courage to lead through difficult moments. This is one of those moments.

We share these data and stories in the hope that they strengthen your case with colleagues who may not yet fully grasp the human and economic costs of this stalemate – and how deeply the consequences will reverberate if Bucks and Montgomery Counties, which are among the Commonwealth's largest contributors to the state's General Fund, cannot keep their communities afloat.

This budget must adequately and sustainably fund the health, housing, and human services programs that are the lifeblood of our communities. We urge you to come together, end the impasse, and deliver the stability Pennsylvanians urgently need.

Thank you for your public service and for the continued partnership you have shown to the nonprofit community. Our network stands ready to collaborate on solutions that keep Pennsylvanians safe, healthy, and housed.

With appreciation and urgency,



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