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Dear *(Name of Legislator)*,

Missouri APSE has been providing support to job seekers with disabilities since the 1980s. Our mission is to ensure that all Missourians have access to meaningful integrated and competitive employment. The goal of having all Missourians who want to work employed is at risk and you can help. I stand with APSE Missouri!

Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) provides an array of supports and services to individuals with disabilities that wish to obtain competitive and integrated employment. Funding for VR services must be supported and protected.

Please make time to inform House Budget Committee leaders, Chairman-Rep. Cody Smith, Vice-Chair-Rep. Dirk Deaton, and Ranking Minority Member-Rep. Peter Meredith that the funding the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) State Match is critical so employment services are not reduced or suspended.

Here's what you need to know:

- A waiting list for employment services will be implemented if we do not fund the VR State Match line item in HB 2 with \$981,940.00 General Revenue.
- The 4 to 1 match will result in \$3,708,046.00 in federal funds.
- VR will have to close categories and people will be on a waiting list for services if this line item is not addressed.
- The number of persons served by the program and the number of individuals experiencing delays in services will not only be impacted this year but also potentially in coming years.

Help us get this line item funded in HB 2 so your constituents with disabilities can remain a part of the workforce.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to HELP fund the VR State Match!

Sincerely,

(Your Name)

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