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STAND FOR PENNSYLVANIANS DAY: PASS A BUDGET FOR ALL PENNSYLVANIANS-TODAY

(11/20/2015 Harrisburg, PA) – The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been operating for 143 days without a budget. As a direct result of this impasse, organizations, school districts and counties have been forced to cut services, lay off critical staff, double their caseloads and go to extreme measure to continue operations.

On November 23, 2015, a strong coalition of nonprofits and school districts are collectively telling our stories in a statewide, one-day campaign - *Stand for Pennsylvanians*. Currently, over 100 organizations have signed up to participate in the campaign, representing 27 counties. These organizations include multiple associations and funders who collectively represent over 700 additional agencies and thousands of Pennsylvania residents living throughout the Commonwealth

The campaign goal is two-fold. First, tell the collective story of Pennsylvania citizens directly impacted by the budget impasse. Second, mobilize clients and members of local communities to support a budget for all Pennsylvanians. The media toolkit provided for this effort allows every organization and every community to tell their specific story and ask for the specific budget items critical to their wellbeing.

From 10:30am – 11:15am on Monday, November 23, organizing partners will hold a press conference in the Capitol Rotunda. Participating organizations and their clients will join us to tell their stories on how the budget impasse has impacted them.

The Stand for Pennsylvanians Day Campaign is a project organized by the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations, the United Way of Pennsylvania, the Adams County Community Foundation, the Pittsburgh Foundation, the PA State Alliance of YMCAs, the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania and a growing group of nonprofits and schools districts.

Pennsylvania nonprofits help millions of individuals along with families and communities each day by protecting, feeding, healing, sheltering, educating and nurturing bodies and spirits. PA nonprofits employ 13.3% of the Commonwealth's workforce. Without a budget our most vulnerable individuals and families will go without services and our employees may go without jobs.

The time has come for consensus. Pennsylvanians must come together from all sides to negotiate and pass a final responsible budget for all Pennsylvanians now.

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About PANO

PANO amplifies the impact of the community benefit sector through advocacy, collaboration, learning and support. PANO, a statewide membership organization serving over 865 nonprofits, walks alongside organizations and individuals working to improve the quality of life in communities throughout Pennsylvania. To learn more about PANO, please visit: www.pano.org.