

To whom?: president@wellesley.edu, civicengagement@wellesley.edu, pbha@pbha.org

By when?: May 12, 2017 by 4pm

Optional: If you feel comfortable, please cc chinatownafterschool@pbha.org and mhasp@pbha.org

Dear President Johnson, Civic Engagement Administrative staff, and PBHA Administrative staff,

My name is <name> and I am a <class year> at <school name>. I have been a member of <PBHA organization name> for <number of participating semesters> semesters. I am writing to you today to urge you to reconsider Civic Engagement's decision to cut transportation, federal work study, and financial support for <PBHA program name>.

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Answer as many or as few of these questions as you'd like:

- Why is your PBHA program important to you?
- What is the most memorable experience you have had working with your community through your PBHA program?
- How has your work in your respective PBHA program impacted your experience as a student?
- How has the support from Civic Engagement allowed you to participate in your PBHA program? How will this decision impact your involvement in service? (See fact sheet)
- If you have not participated in a PBHA program,
- How do you feel about this administrative decision?

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With this in consideration, I once again ask that you reevaluate the decision to cut funding for <PBHA program name> and the detrimental consequences it will have on our families and communities. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

<name>, <role in PBHA program> in <PBHA program name>

Fact Sheet:

- Mission Hill Afterschool Program is the oldest and largest student-run afterschool program in Boston. The program was created at the request of Mission Main Tenant Task Force, a non-profit organization made up of tenants of the community.
- Chinatown Afterschool Program has been in operation for over 3 decades. It is the only completely free afterschool available in Chinatown Boston.
- Boston Refugee Youth Enrichment (BRYE) is a program that serves immigrant and refugee youth in the Dorchester area. Sub-programs work with different age groups and operate on different days of the week (BRYE Teen, BRYE 1-2-1, and BRYE Extension). Wellesley students have been involved with BRYE Teen for at least the past 3 years, leading enrichment sessions about community and identity through creative expression and activities
- The transportation reimbursement costs to send every Wellesley counselor to Chinatown Afterschool's location site ranges from ~\$2000-\$7000. By taking public transportation, Wellesley counselors can spend up to 3 hours on the road just to get to program. This time is in addition to the 2 hours they must spend tutoring at program and weekly hour long grade meetings.
- The Wellesley Mission Hill counselors spend 3+ hours just to get to their location site, a 30 minute walk from the Marlboro Market stop on the exchange bus. In addition, counselors must devote large amounts of time traveling to and from Boston for the numerous field trips they chaperone throughout the semester.
- A third of both Mission Hill and Chinatown Afterschool's Wellesley counselor base relies on Federal Work Study to participate in our program.