

04/08/2025 [AllUnit] Act TODAY with MSP to “Kill the Cuts”

April 8 is a National Day of Action to “Kill the Cuts”!

Together with the national coalition Higher Ed Labor United, MSP is demanding that cuts to research funding be stopped. At the same time, our state-level parent union MTA is sending a delegation today to the MA legislature’s Joint Committee on Ways and Means to call for **\$200 million from Fair Share funds to support university research threatened by federal cuts.**

We need you to participate TODAY:

- **Write and/or call state legislators** to urge them to support the \$200 million. MTA makes writing to legislators easy with this [online form](#). You can look up phone numbers for your legislators [here](#).
- At NOON, attend MTA’s virtual teach-in, “[Uniting to Defend our Public Colleges](#).”
- If you will be in Boston today, join other MTA members at the [Kill the Cuts demonstration](#) at 5 p.m.
- Check out the [Kill the Cuts](#) national website and [MTA’s action page](#) for more information.

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Today’s day of action builds on years of organizing by MSP and MTA!

The Fair Share Amendment—first conceived by MSP leaders, championed by MTA, and passed by voters in November 2022—created a 4% tax on the portion of a person’s annual income above \$1 million and dedicated the funds raised to public education and transportation.

More recently, on March 24, at a MA Joint Committee on Ways and Means hearing, MSP activists distributed leaflets to advocate for the MTA’s budget proposal, which demands a reserve of \$200 million from the Fair Share surplus and additional funds from general Fair Share revenue to stave off [negative impacts](#) from federal actions. MTA President (and UMass faculty member) Max Page and MSP Co-President Marc Liberatore [gave testimony in support of the MTA’s budget proposal](#).