

CALL TO ACTION

BFTP Clients, Partners & Associates — Senate Bill 850 threatens to choke-off the life-line to Pennsylvania's technology entrepreneurs

We need your help to hold the line on BFTP funding for the 2009–2010 budget!

Entrepreneurship and technological innovation will drive the economic recovery and sustain long-term economic growth. History has demonstrated time and again that innovation and business growth often hit new strides during times of economic transition.

Widely praised and recognized nationally and internationally, for over 25 years Ben Franklin has distinguished itself as the nation's premier provider of early-stage seed capital and related technical and business assistance services.

Ben Franklin's impact has been measured and validated by objective, third party evaluators. Just since 1989:

- ✓ *BFTP boosted the Pennsylvania economy by more than \$17 billion*
- ✓ *For every \$1.00 invested in BFTP, \$3.50 was returned to the state treasury*
- ✓ *Jobs created by Ben Franklin's clients pay 33% higher than the average nonfarm salary in Pennsylvania as a whole*
- ✓ *Over 125,000 job-years were created as a result of BFTP investments and services (job-years – years of full-time work created)*

Pennsylvania entrepreneurs and Pennsylvania citizens can not afford a reduction in BFTP funding

Please e-mail your legislator today and ask them to hold the line on BFTP funding!

Thank you!

Please take action now – The link below takes you to a website that enables you to plug in a zip code/county and retrieve the names/contact information of the reps for that area.
<http://www.legis.state.pa.us>