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In last week's State of the State address, Gov. Haslam included several budget proposals in support of higher education and the University of Tennessee. The future of higher education and our state are closely linked, and I appreciate the governor's recognition of this relationship through his support.

You can read an analysis of the funding initiatives proposed by Gov. Haslam, including employee raises, at the [UT Advocacy site](#).

The governor's proposal does not guarantee that these budget items will be funded. The legislature will consider these proposals in the coming months and will pass a final budget toward the end of the legislative session.

The University will need your help to advocate for these funding proposals and possibly other issues. I'm proud that we have a history of UT employees speaking up as private citizens to advocate for the University and hope that you will continue this tradition. Nothing speaks louder to our elected representatives than the voices of their constituents.

I want to call your attention to a resource that I believe will be useful to employees who wish to advocate for UT this legislative session. This resource is offered by the University and will help you stay informed about impactful legislation and will alert you when a call to action is needed to support the University.

Get access to this information by [signing up](#) to join our UT Advocacy network:



# Sign Up

As UT faculty and staff, you have a unique understanding of the importance of the University to the state's future. You make it possible for us to educate future generations, make groundbreaking discoveries and provide services that make a difference in the lives of all Tennesseans.

Our University family, more than 12,000 strong, comes from all 95 counties in Tennessee. Together, we can ensure that legislators make informed decisions on legislation that affects all of us.

Thank you for all you do to make our University great.

All the best,  
Joe

## UT's Top Funding Priorities



**FULLY FUNDED:**  
Full allocation of funds based on campus performance



**PARTIALLY FUNDED:**  
Additional funding for UT institutions that provide services to all Tennesseans



**FUNDED:**  
West Tennessee 4-H Center and Knoxville Science Laboratory Facility



**PARTIALLY FUNDED:**  
Building safety and maintenance



**FUNDED:**  
Salary increases requested for UT employees

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