



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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Alabama Arise Action and _____ enter into this agreement in order to speak with a strong, united voice in support of fairer public policies toward Alabamians with low incomes. We agree to work together for a legislative agenda established by a vote of the members, as modified from time to time by a vote of the membership or the Board of Directors.

As a member organization, we understand that we also automatically become members of Alabama Arise and we commit to work through Arise to understand poverty in Alabama and to help organize residents in support of fairer public policies.

Alabama Arise Action is a statewide, member-led organization advancing public policies to improve the lives of Alabamians who are marginalized by poverty. Our membership includes faith-based, community, nonprofit and civic groups, grassroots leaders and individuals from across Alabama. While Alabama Arise Action is a 501(c)(4) advocacy organization, Alabama Arise is our 501(c)(3) sister organization funding our public policy, education and organizing work. Both Arise and Arise Action are nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations, and our work is funded and driven by members like you.

We agree to the following mutual responsibilities and obligations, and understand these are automatically renewed annually with the payment of membership dues:

Responsibilities of Member Organizations

- To participate fully in the selection of Alabama Arise Action and Alabama Arise's legislative priorities and Board members at our annual membership meetings. Member groups may nominate up to 6 voting delegates to participate in annual meeting.
- To contribute financially to support the mission and work of Arise. Member groups are asked to contribute at least \$500 per year. The minimum annual membership contribution is \$100, unless the Board of Directors approves a waiver.
- To commit organizational resources, especially human resources, to the advocacy effort. This includes distributing action alerts and information on legislative activity to the organization's constituency and urging them to contact their elected officials as needed.
- To name an appropriate primary contact person to serve as the liaison between Arise and your organization for advocacy efforts and membership dues renewal.
- To keep the contact information for your primary contact person up to date on at least an annual basis.
- To use the name of Arise only for those issues identified as priorities by the membership of Arise. This does not, however, limit the right of any member organization to lobby independently on other issues or to inform other members of legislative developments on issues not endorsed by Alabama Arise Action and Alabama Arise.

Responsibilities of Alabama Arise Action and Alabama Arise

- To engage your organization in our three areas of work: statewide organizing, policy analysis, and citizen advocacy.
- To analyze policies that support the alleviation or elimination of poverty and recruit, organize and equip Arise members for advocacy.
- To represent Arise on priority positions and issues chosen by Arise members, both at the Alabama

Legislature and to the Administration.

- To host and invite member groups to our two annual membership meetings and ensure timely invitations to submit legislative proposals.
- To annually reach out to your organization to connect about our partnership and plan any relevant partnered events.
- To provide access to our members-only updates and facilitate connection to likeminded people and organizations across the state.

THIS ORGANIZATION HAS DECIDED TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ALABAMA ARISE ACTION AND ALABAMA ARISE. WE UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THE ROLES AND MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES OUTLINED IN THIS MEMORANDUM.

Organization Name	Do you need a secondary contact who will receive invoices and pay dues each year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, filled out below <input type="checkbox"/> No, not right now
Organization Address	Optional: financial contact information
City/State Zip	Name
Primary Contact Name	Address
Contact Address	City/State
City/State Zip	Zip
Phone (primary)	Phone
Phone (secondary)	Email
Email	

This year we will contribute \$ _____. Mail check, payable to Alabama Arise Action, to **Alabama Arise Action, P.O. Box 612, Montgomery, AL 36101**. For more information, call (334) 832- 9060.

Dues: \$ _____ Enclosed \$ _____ Pledged

This organization ____ **should** / ____ **should not** (*check one*) be considered a low-income organization. A low-income organization is one in which at least half its members have incomes below the federal poverty line. Arise encourages low-income organizations to name a low-income Contact Person.

Date of submittal _____

ADDITIONAL MEMBER CONTACTS

PLEASE LIST UP TO SIX ADDITIONAL NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS TO RECEIVE ARISE MAILINGS.

1. Name _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

2. Name _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

3. Name _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

4. Name _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

5. Name _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

6. Name _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

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Date of Board approval: _____

Approved by Alabama Arise Action Executive Director: _____