

Ivey discusses PACT plan via telephone town hall

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With little notice, Republican gubernatorial candidate and state Treasurer Kay Ivey held a telephone town hall Wednesday that had more than 8,500 people

The town hall was also the first time the technology has been used statewide, according to her campaign.

Some members of Congress, including Democratic U.S. Rep. Bobby Bright of Montgomery, use telephone town halls regularly to reach people within their district.

Ivey talked about her plan to try to rescue the state's Prepaid Affordable College Tuition, or PACT, program. More than 60 percent of the people who voted during the call supported Ivey's plan, which would honor all of the PACT contracts without raiding the Alabama Trust Fund or increasing taxes.

Five percent said they opposed her plan and 35 percent were uncertain. The campaign acknowledged the results were unscientific and were only from call participants.

The candidate said people want more information and are looking for a viable plan.