

# We Call on Congress to Protect Philanthropy

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**Now more than ever, Congress must support and strengthen charitable giving, both by individuals and foundations, so critical aid can reach nonprofits across the country.**

At a time when federal funding is uncertain and the needs in our communities are growing, many nonprofits rely on private donors to provide lifesaving investments in myriad causes, from rural health centers to providing food for the poorest Americans. Policies that reduce foundation resources or disincentivize charitable contributions mean fewer resources will reach community nonprofits.

**Charitable giving represents the best of American generosity. It is essential that Congress protects, not impedes, this community resource. Stand up for charitable organizations in your community. We urge Congress to:**

- **Oppose increased taxes on private foundations:** Increasing taxes paid by private foundations threatens to reduce funding for communities in need. Private philanthropy supports vital programs in every state and district in the country. Significantly reducing the charitable resources reaching nonprofits places a greater strain on the entire charitable sector at a time when dollars are already being stretched.
- **Oppose restrictions on charitable contributions from corporations:** In nearly every community, local organizations are partnering with businesses. In addition to providing vital charitable dollars, corporations provide pro bono services and donate products to communities in need. Disincentivizing corporate giving only makes it harder for those dollars to reach the communities that need them.
- **Expand incentives for charitable giving:** The United States is the most generous country in the world, but over the past few years individual giving has declined. While encouraged by the House's inclusion of a modest charitable deduction for all taxpayers, we urge Congress to do more. Nonprofit organizations are the lifeblood of civil society. They rely on — and amplify — the generosity of everyday Americans, ensuring critical services reach those who need them most. It is vital that Congress recognize this generosity.

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