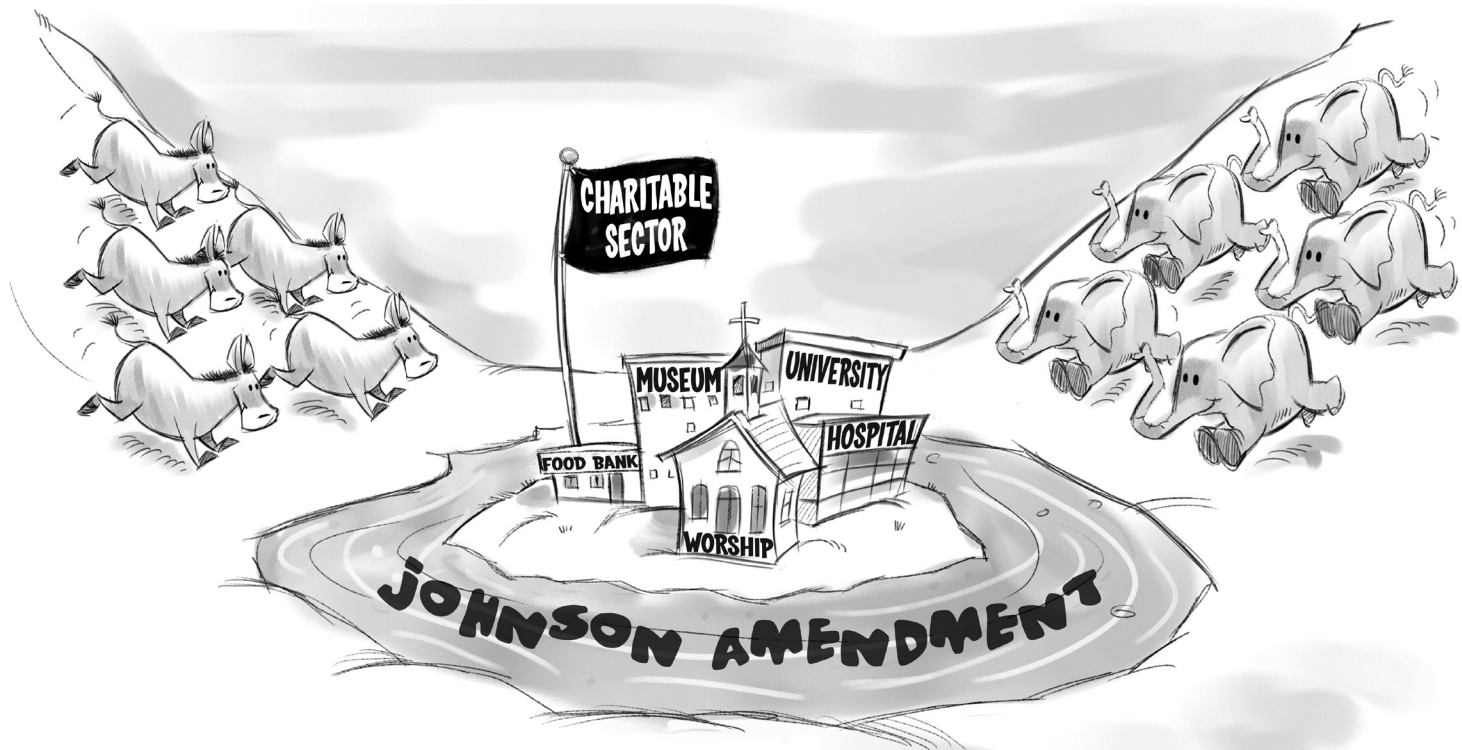


KEEP THE JOHNSON AMENDMENT OUT OF THE TAX BILL AND ELECTORAL POLITICS OUT OF THE NONPROFIT SECTOR

The charitable nonprofit and foundation communities are unified in opposition to a section of the House bill that would inject partisan politics into the boardrooms, sanctuaries, and places of business of charitable nonprofits, houses of worship, and foundations in communities throughout the country. **We urge you to strike House tax bill Section 5201 from the final tax bill that the conference committee will consider.**

The Johnson Amendment was signed into law by President Eisenhower and again by President Reagan in 1986 and strengthened in 1987. It provides a powerful protection and clear tradeoff: in exchange for exemption from taxation and the ability to receive tax-deductible donations, 501(c)(3) organizations agree not to support or oppose candidates for public office or divert charitable assets from mission to fund partisan campaigns.



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There is no shortage of opportunity in this country for those who wish to engage in partisan electoral politics. But **our work is about supporting those in need, building healthy communities and extending the open hand of opportunity to all Americans.**

Weakening the Johnson Amendment endangers our ability to continue this work free from partisan political influences and is opposed by religious denominations and faith leaders, law enforcement officials, charitable nonprofits and foundations, and the vast majority of the American public. Learn more at GiveVoice.org.

We ask that you take action to ensure that Section 5201 or any language to weaken or repeal the Johnson Amendment is NOT included in the final conference report.