



*Protecting America's Strong Tradition of Giving*

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The Honorable Dave Camp  
U.S. House of Representatives  
341 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Camp:

As Congress and the Administration turn to important budget and deficit reduction negotiations, including tax reform, America's communities and the nonprofits that support them need your help. We have continuing concern about proposed limits to the charitable tax deduction.

**That is why hundreds of front-line nonprofit and charitable sector leaders representing thousands of communities will gather in Washington, D.C. on November 20<sup>th</sup> to meet with elected officials like you and share the important work the charitable sector does every day.** We want to make you aware of this event as we are moving expeditiously to schedule and confirm meetings for the day.

While there is a sense of relief throughout America that a bipartisan agreement ended the federal government shutdown, the fallout placed hardships on too many families and communities. On this day of action, we will share our perspectives, including powerful examples about the strength and stability of the nonprofit sector, which was on full display during this time – and continues to be throughout the year. Individual philanthropists, foundations and charities stepped up support to ensure meals, health and other safety-net services continued to be provided for those in need.

The philanthropic sector has, for many years, partnered with government to serve the common good by meeting the needs of people in every state and community. We will remind policymakers that a strong economy and society depend on a thriving philanthropic sector. We support vital programs and services provided by nonprofits, which employ 10 percent of America's workforce and provide 9 percent of wages paid each year (nearly \$600 billion).

America's nonprofits are already finding it harder and harder to do their jobs as demand grows and funding evaporates. Harmful changes to the charitable deduction will set off a disastrous cascade of consequences for our communities and severely reduce philanthropic dollars that are essential for America's charities.

The [Charitable Giving Coalition](#), a group of more than 60 nonprofits, foundations and other charitable organizations, is united as never before to make sure lawmakers have a clear understanding about what's at stake in our communities. We are committed to working with you and other lawmakers to identify the best ways to protect and strengthen charitable giving.

Sincerely,

The Charitable Giving Coalition  
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