



*Protecting America's Strong Tradition of
Giving*

March 1, 2023

The Honorable James Lankford
U.S. Senate
316 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chris Coons
U.S. Senate
218 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Support for the Charitable Act

Dear Senators Lankford and Coons:

On behalf of the Charitable Giving Coalition (CGC), a diverse group representing thousands of charitable and faith-based organizations across the country, we write to share our strong support for the Charitable Act, legislation that would restore and expand the charitable deduction for non-itemizing taxpayers, also known as the universal charitable deduction. We are grateful for your continued leadership and support.

In 2021, Americans gave almost \$485 billion to charity, according to Giving USA. However, 2021 giving did not keep pace with inflation. In fact, when adjusted for inflation, 2021 giving fell by .07 percent compared to 2020. Furthermore, according to a September 2022 poll conducted by Independent Sector, nearly half (49 percent) of respondents who are very concerned about inflation said they planned to give less to charity in 2022 than they did in 2021.

The charitable deduction is good tax policy. It encourages individuals to give away more money to charity than they otherwise would. Unfortunately, the current charitable deduction is only available to those who itemize, roughly 12 percent of taxpayers. A temporary universal charitable deduction enacted in 2020 expired at the end of 2021, creating uncertainty for Americans and the charities that rely on their donations to serve their communities.

The need for more charitable giving is not going away. From national disasters to social problems to economic hardship, America is facing unprecedented challenges that nonprofit services can help to address. Congress can help the sector serve communities by restoring and expanding the universal charitable deduction, which encourages all Americans, regardless of income, to give to charity.

The bipartisan Charitable Act would be a step in that direction. If enacted, the bill would restore the non-itemizer charitable deduction and increase the amount taxpayers could deduct to approximately \$4,600 for individuals (\$9,200 for joint filers). The legislation would also make gifts to donor-advised funds eligible for the universal charitable deduction.

We are proud to support the Charitable Act and look forward to working with you to urge Congress to enact this important legislation as soon as possible.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to America's charitable community.

Sincerely,

Charitable Giving Coalition

Signatories

Alabama

Alabama Symphony Orchestra
Community Foundation of Greater
Birmingham

Alaska

The Foraker Group
University of Alaska Foundation

Arizona

Abbett Family Foundation
Ability360
Administration of Resources and Choices
Advent Episcopal Church
Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits
Alzheimer's Research and Prevention
Foundation
Arc of Mohave County
Arizona Academic Decathlon Association,
Inc. Arizona Alliance of YMCAs
Arizona Autism United Arizona
Bach Festival
Arizona Coalition to End Sexual Domestic
Violence
Arizona Dance Coalition
Arizona Foundation for Women, LLC
Arizona Housing Coalition
Arizona Lifelong Fitness Foundation
Arizona's Children Association
Assistance League of Tucson
AzMNH Foundation
Benevilla
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona
Black Canyon City Community
Association/Black Canyon Heritage Park
Canticum Novum
Center for Jewish Philanthropy of Greater
Phoenix
Chandler Education Foundation, Inc.
Child & Family Resources, Inc.
Community Investment Corporation
EPIC Disability Advocacy
Flinn Foundation
Foothills Food Bank & Resource Center
Foundation for Senior Living
Good Shepherd Healing Ministries Horse
Rescue
Goodwill Industries of Southern Arizona

Growing Alternative Resource Development and
Enterprise Network (GARDEN), Inc.
Herberger Theater Center
Heritage Square Foundation
Hickey Family Foundation
Higher Octave Healing, Inc.
Homeless ID Project
Hope for Homes Program Inc
Human Society of Southern Arizona
ICAN: Positive Programs for Youth KXCI
Law Matters
Little Chapel of All Nations, Inc.
LS Nonprofit Consulting Services
McDowell Sonoran Conservancy
Medieval Mayhem Historical Arts Foundation
MIKID – Mentally Ill Kids In Distress
Miracle League of Arizona
Museum Association of Arizona
NACA, Inc
One Step Beyond, Inc.
Parents of Addicted Loved Ones
Phoenix Pride
Positive Paths
Premier Alliances Inc
ProMusica Arizona Chorale & Orchestra
Roots & Roads Community Hospice Foundation
Sechler 501 Consulting
Sojourner Center
Southern Arizona Research, Science, and
Engineering Foundation
Spay and Neuter Solutions, Inc.
Stardust
T.E.A.M 4 Travis
The David and Lura Lovell Foundation
The Hearth Foundation
The Social Justice + Engineering Initiative
Transplant Community Alliance
Tubac Center of the Arts
Tucson Audubon Society
Tucson Jazz Music Foundation
United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona
Valley View Community Food Assistance
Verde Valley Habitat for Humanity
Verde Valley Sanctuary
WHEAT (World Hunger Ecumenical Az Task
Force Inc)
Yavapai County Jeep Posse

Arkansas

Arkansas Community Foundation

California

American Conservatory Theater
Boys & Girls Club of Kern County
Catalyst of San Diego & Imperial Counties
Corporation of the Fine Arts Museums
Girls Inc. of Orange County
Northern California Grantmakers
San Francisco Performances
San Francisco Symphony
SoCal Grantmakers Team Rubicon
The Contemporary Jewish Museum
Theatre Bay Area
WEAVE, Inc.
Women's Funding Network Yerba Buena
Center for the Arts

Colorado

Aspen Community Foundation
Association of Christian Schools International
Citygate Network
Engineering Ministries International Grand
Foundation
National CoHousing Association of U.S.
Philanthropy Colorado
The Women's Foundation of Colorado
Yampa Valley Community Foundation
YouthRoots

Connecticut

CT Community Nonprofit Alliance
Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut
Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford

Delaware

Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit
Advancement Delaware Community
Foundation
Philanthropy Delaware

District of Columbia

American Council on Education
Americans for the Arts
Americans for the Arts Action Fund
Boys & Girls Clubs of America Community
Foundation Awareness Initiative
Council for Advancement and Support of
Education
CCCU - Council for Christian Colleges and
Universities

Council on Foundations
Dance/USA Faith & Giving
Independent Sector
National Association of College and University
Business Officers
National Association of Evangelicals
National Association of Independent Schools
National Council of Nonprofits
PEAK Grantmaking
Philanthropy Roundtable
Social Current
The Nonprofit Alliance
United Philanthropy Forum
YWCA USA

Florida

Community Foundation for Brevard Community
Foundation of Sarasota County
Gulf Coast Community Foundation
Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County
MegaVoice International

Georgia

Community Foundation of Central Georgia
JCRC of Atlanta
National Christian Foundation Philanthropy
Southeast Pisgah Consulting, LLC

Hawaii

Hawai'i Parkinson Association
Ku'ikahi Mediation Center
Pacific Whale Foundation

Idaho

Boise Art Museum
CDAIDE
Giraffe Laugh Inc.
Henry's Fork
Foundation Idaho
Diaper Bank
Idaho Falls Symphony
Idaho Nonprofit Center
Interlink Volunteer Caregivers (IVC)
NewWest Community Capital
Palouse Land Trust
TEN18 Foundation, Inc
Willow Center

Illinois

All Things Through Christ Outreach Ministries
Inc

Batavia United Way
Boys & Girls Club of Rockford
Comer Family Foundation
Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley
Crowe LLP
DeKalb County Community Foundation (IL)
FLAP- Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project
Forefront (IL)
Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Jewish Federation of Chicago
Mano a Mano Family Resource Center
Metropolitan Family Services
New Moms
Prairieland United Way
Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity
Southern Illinois Community Foundation
Springfield Area Arts Council
The Center for Youth and Family Solutions
The Lake County Community Foundation
United Way of Central Illinois
United Way of Danville Area, INC
United Way of Decatur and Mid Illinois
United Way of Illinois
United Way of Livingston County
United Way of Logan County
United Way of Metro Chicago
United Way of Northwest Illinois
United Way of Pekin
Women Employed
YMCA of the USA
YWCA of the University of Illinois

Indiana

Community Foundation of St. Joseph County
Indiana Philanthropy Alliance
National Association of Charitable Gift Planners

Iowa

EDEN+ Fundraising Consulting
Iowa Council of Foundations

Kansas

Kansas Nonprofit Chamber, Inc
United Way of the Flint Hills

Kentucky

Family & Children's Place

Kentuckians for the Arts
Kentucky Nonprofit Network, Inc.
KY/WV Alliance of YMCAs
Lexington Philharmonic Society, Inc.
Making A Difference Now (MADN)
Owensboro Family YMCA
Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky
The Kentucky Center for Grieving Children and Families

Louisiana

Fablanthropy, LLC
National Performance Network

Maine

Amistad
Arts Institute of Western Maine dba ArtsFarmington
Belfast Flying Shoes
Bicycle Coalition of Maine
Biddeford Mills Museum
Camp O-AT-KA
Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine
Castine Historical Society
Children Families and Communities
Children's Oral Health Network of Maine
Community Dental
Foundation for Portland Public Schools
Free ME from Lung Cancer
Freeport Historical Society
Friends in Action
Friends of Fort Gorges
Furniture Friends
Grahamtastic Connection
Greater Franklin Economic & Community Development
GrowSmart Maine
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland
Habitat for Humanity York County
Heritage Radio Society
Herring Gut Coastal Science Center
Hope Acts
Island Connections
Kittery Land Trust Inc.
Laudholm Trust
Lincoln County Historical Association
Lincoln Memorial Public Library
Literacy Volunteers of Franklin & Somerset Counties
Locker Project
Maine Appalachian Trail Land Trust

Maine Association of Nonprofits
Maine Community Action Partnership
Maine Crafts Association
Maine Environmental Education Association
Maine Food and Beverage Education Center
Maine GearShare
Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association
Maine Preservation
Maine Public Health Association
Maine Sports Commission
Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals
Maine Writers & Publishers Alliance
Midcoast Symphony Orchestra
Neighbor to Neighbor
Northern Maine Development Commission
Oasis Free Clinics
Opera Maine
Opportunity Center of North Franklin County, Inc.
passivhausMAINE
Phillips Public Library
Portland Stage Company
Preble Street
Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Center
Rufus Porter Museum of Art and Ingenuity
Saco Main Street
Sanctuary Baking, Inc.
Sea Change Yoga
Sedgwick-Brooklin Historical Society
SeniorsPlus
State YMCA of Maine
Sugarloaf Ski Club
Tedford Housing
The Bingham Program
The BTS Center
The Dempsey Center
The Ecology School
Tri-County Mental Health Services
United Ostomy Association of America
United Way of Kennebec Valley
Waterford Library Association

Maryland

Anne Arundel County Literacy Council
Apra Maryland
Association of Community Services of Howard County
CASH Campaign of Maryland
Community Reach of Montgomery County

Cool & Associates LLC
Disability Rights Maryland
Disabled Children's Fund
Goodwill Industries International, Inc. Interfaith Works
Job Opportunities Task Force
Mabel's Orphaned Angels Rescue
Manna Food Center
Maryland Coalition of Families
Maryland Family Network
Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence
Maryland Nonprofits
Mental Health Association of Frederick County
Montgomery Preservation, Inc.
Nonprofit Montgomery
Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, Ltd.
Saltzberg Consulting
Seventh-day Adventist Church – North American Division
Youth Sports Collaborative Network

Massachusetts

Handel and Haydn Society
Norman Rockwell Museum
Philanthropy Massachusetts

Michigan

Accord Network
Bethany Christian Services
Council of Michigan Foundations
Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation
Growing Hope
Jail and Outreach Ministry
Michigan Nonprofit Association
Rapid Response Chaplain Corps
The Henry Ford
United Way for Southeastern Michigan

Minnesota

Can Do Canines
Cotter Schools
Engage Winona
Frozen River Film Festival
Greater Twin Cities United Way
Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center
Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis
Jewish Family Service St. Paul
Minnesota Council of Nonprofits
Minnesota Council on Foundations
Northwest Minnesota Foundation

Ready Set School
St. Paul Jewish Federation
The Hormel Institute UMN-Mayo Clinic
The Storm Trail Race Series
Winona Community Foundation
Women's Foundation of Minnesota

Mississippi

MS Alliance for Nonprofits and Philanthropy

Missouri

Allied Arts Council of St. Joseph, Mo Inc.
Child and Family Legal Advocacy
Robidoux Resident Theatre
St. Joseph Community Chorus
St. Louis Community Foundation
The Missouri Symphony

Montana

Family Promise of Gallatin Valley
Montana Community Foundation

Nebraska

Give Nebraska
Jewish Community Relations Council
Jewish Federation of Omaha
Lincoln Community Foundation

New Hampshire

Great Bay Services
Kupenda for the Children
NH Association of Conservation
Commissions NH Center for Nonprofits
The Front Door Agency, Inc.

New Jersey

360 Philanthropy Group, LLC
ArtPride New Jersey
Boyd-Wallace House, Inc
Caddie Scholarship Foundation
Carolyn Dorfman Dance
Cathedral Soup Kitchen, Inc
Community Hope, Inc.
Concerned Persons for Adoption
Council of New Jersey Grantmakers
CRC of NJ Inc
DBA Safe Harbor Child Access Centers
David's Shoes A NJ Nonprofit Corporation
Displaced Homemakers Network of NJ, Inc.
Diversity & Equal Opportunity Network Inc.
Easter Seals New Jersey

Employment Horizons, Inc
Family Promise of Bergen County
Family Promise of Morris County
Family Promise of Warren County
Family Resource Associates, Inc.
Franklin Theatre Works
Gathering Ground
Grow It Green Morristown
Hudson County Housing Resource Center
Hudson River Apiary Society
JCC of Central NJ
Jefferson Park Ministries Inc
JESPY House
Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties
Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest, NJ
JFCS of Greater Mercer Counter
Kiers Kidz
Legacy Philanthropy Group
Manville Arts Council
Marie Adelaide Center
Matheny School and Hospital, Inc.
Meals on Wheels of Mercer County Morris Arts
NAMI Middlesex
Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies
New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc.
New Jersey Association on Correction
New Jersey Center for Nonprofits
New Jersey Future
New Jersey VOAD
New Jersey Youth Development Foundation
NewBridge Services
Next Dimensions Community Development Corporation
NJ Blind Citizens Association, Inc.
NJ Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders
NonProfitConnect
Ocean Professional Theatre Company
Orange UMC
Ortley Beach Voters and Taxpayers Assn.
Parker Family Health Center
Partners for Women and Justice
Paterson Alliance
People & Stories - Gente y Cuentos Pillar College, Inc.
PJ BioPharma Solutions
Possible Plant
Princeton Einstein Museum

Princeton- Blairstown Center
Progressive Center for Independent Living
Pushcart Players Inc.
Ranch Hope
Science Research for All, Inc.
Special Strides, Inc.
Summit Animal Rescue Association, Inc
Team Titin, Inc.
The Arc of NJ
The Bullock Garden Project, Inc.
The Central Ward Women's Shelter
The Connection for Women and Families
The Family Resource Network
The Growing Stage
The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey
The Valerie Fund
Tommy's Cats
United Way of Greater Mercer County
Urban Healthcare Initiative Program
Waylon's Southern Thunder Ranch, Inc
We, The Youth, Inc.
Westfield Neighborhood Council
Write On Sports, Inc
YWCA Northern New Jersey

New Mexico

New Mexico Thrives
Wings For LIFE International
Working Classroom
Youth Development, Inc.

New York

Agudath Israel of America
Association of National Advertisers
Association of Art Museum Directors
Buffalo Jewish Federation and Buffalo Jewish Community Relations Council
Charles Settlement House
Chinese Methodist Center Corporation
Covenant House International
Dancewave
Girl Scouts of the USA
Girls Inc of Long Island
Grantmakers in the Arts
Habitat for Humanity of Long Island
Jewish Federation of Rochester NY
Jewish Federations of North America
League of American Orchestras
New Chamber Ballet
New York Council of Nonprofits, Inc.

Nonprofit New York
NY Funders Alliance
OPERA American
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
Theatre Communications Group
Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America
WNY Women's Foundation

North Carolina

A Cure In Sight
Animal Park at the Conservators Center Charlotte
Wine & Food Weekend
HandsOn Northwest North Carolina International
Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasias
Jewish Family Services of Greater Charlotte Life Experiences, Inc.
Loaves & Fishes/Friendship Trays, Inc. Museum of Life and Science
North Carolina Center for Nonprofits
North Carolina Chamber Music Institute
North Carolina Coastal Land Trust
Open Table Ministry, Inc.
Polk County Community Foundation
Raise A Child of the Carolinas
The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina
The Elizabeth City State University Foundation
The Health Foundation, Inc.
The Resiliency Collaborative
Triangle Community Foundation
United Way of Alamance County

North Dakota

Minot Symphony Association
NDANO
Northern Valley Youth Orchestras
Plains Art Museum

Ohio

Asian American Community Services Cincinnati
Art Museum
Concord Counseling Services
Directions for Youth & Families
Human Service Chamber of Franklin County
Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo
Motherful
Philanthropy Ohio
The Buckeye Ranch

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Alliance of YMCAs
Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits P
hilbrook Museum of Art

Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, Inc.

Oregon

Artists Repertory
Theatre Bethlehem Inn
Clatsop Community College Foundation
Compassion First
Crown Point Country Historical Society
Cultural Advocacy Coalition of Oregon
Mt. Hood Community College
Network of Ensemble Theaters
Portland Art Museum
Rogue Valley Genealogical Society

Pennsylvania

Association of Fundraising Professionals
National Philanthropic Trust
Philadelphia Museum of Art
Western Pennsylvania Chapter
Via of the Lehigh Valley

Rhode Island

Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket
College Visions
Foster Forward
Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England
Girls on the Run Rhode Island
Grantmakers Council of Rhode Island
Inspiring Minds
MENTOR Rhode Island
New England Basecamp
Ocean Community YMCA
Providence Public Library
RAMP real access motivates progress
Rhode Island Alliance of YMCAs
Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic
Violence
RISD Museum
Roots 2Empower
Sankofa Community Connection
STEAM Box
United Way of Rhode Island
WattsNatural Tutoring
Women's Fund of Rhode Island
YouthBuild Preparatory Academy

South Carolina

Charleston Jewish Federation
Greater Good Greenville
Together SC

South Dakota

South Dakota Nonprofit Network

Tennessee

American Association of Christian Schools
Harmony Foundation
Healing Hands International Momentum
Nonprofit Partners
Southern Baptist Ethics and Religious Liberty
Commission

Texas

American Heart Association
Attack Poverty
Austin Symphony Orchestra
Colorado River Alliance
D Thompson & Associates LLC
Dallas Symphony Association, Inc.
Dallas Symphony Orchestra
Hill Country Bible Church Austin
Houston Jewish Community Foundation
International Literacy and Development Jewish
Federation of Greater Houston Medical
Benevolence Foundation
Philanthropy Southwest
ROCO
Texans for the Arts
The Dallas Foundation
University of Dallas - Irving, TX

Utah

Box Elder Museum Foundation Utah
Forever Bound Adoption
Cultural Alliance
Utah Nonprofits Association

Vermont

United Way of Addison County
United Way of Northwest Vermont

Virginia

American Alliance of Museums
Association of Fundraising Professionals Center
for Nonprofit Excellence
Center for Public Justice
Christian Alliance for Orphans
Christian Connections for International Health
ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial
Accountability)
Imago Dei Neighborhood School
Institutional Religious Freedom Alliance Meals
on Wheels America
Mental Health America
National Council For Adoption
Network Peninsula

United Way Worldwide
Volunteers of America

Washington

BlueBridge Alliance
Columbia Basin College Foundation
Feel Good Action
Forge Youth Mentoring
Forward Edge International
Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and
Northern Idaho
Inspire Washington
Mid-Columbia Meals on Wheels
Nonprofit Association of Washington
Wenatchee Valley Dispute Resolution Center
Whatcom Community Foundation
World Vision

West Virginia

TEAM for West Virginia Children
West Virginia Nonprofit Association

Wisconsin

Eau Claire Community Foundation

Wyoming

Northwest College Foundation
Wyoming Nonprofit Network