December 14, 2021

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Majority Leader  Speaker
U.S. Senate  U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510  Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Republican Leader  Republican Leader
U.S. Senate  U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510  Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Expanding and Extending the Charitable Deduction for Non-Itemizers

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Republican Leader McConnell, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and Republican Leader McCarthy:

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 urge you to expand and extend the nonitemizer charitable deduction as thousands of nonprofits continue to play an integral role in the response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Giving data since the enactment of the $300 universal charitable deduction in the bipartisan CARES Act and its extension in the 2020 year-end bill show an increase in both donations and donors. The Association of Fundraising Professionals’ Fundraising Effectiveness Project (FEP) fourth quarter report for 2020 showed a 15.3 percent uptick in donations of less than $250, which outpaced the increase in larger donations. Additionally, there was an estimated 28 percent increase in gifts of $300 on December 31 – the exact amount of the current universal charitable deduction. While we know there are many factors that contribute to increased donations, one contributing factor is likely the availability of the charitable deduction to nonitemizers.

We continue to support the Universal Giving Pandemic Response and Recovery Act (S. 618, H.R. 1704), bipartisan legislation which would raise the $300/$600 cap on the nonitemizer charitable deduction to roughly $4,000 for individuals and $8,000 for couples. As the nation recovers, encouraging all American taxpayers—regardless of their income—to give more provides charities and faith-based organizations across the country with the critical resources needed to achieve their missions and support their communities and workforces.
The nonitemizer charitable deduction is scheduled to expire at the end of this year, a lapse of which could create uncertainty among donors and reduce the pool of resources available to nonprofits that are providing critical services and support in every state and congressional district. We urge you to expand and extend the nonitemizer universal charitable deduction in year-end legislation.

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

Sincerely,

Charitable Giving Coalition

Signatories (as of December 14, 2021):

ACCESS of WNY
Advancing Macomb Foundation, Inc.
Agudath Israel of America
Akron Community Foundation
Alabama Association of Nonprofits
Alliance of NYS YMCAs
American Alliance of Museums
American Heart Association
American Red Cross
Americans for the Arts
Ann Arbor YMCA
Annie C Courtney Foundation, Inc
Appalachian Outreach
Apra Maryland
Arizona Grantmakers Forum
Arkay, Inc.
Arts North Carolina
Association of Art Museum Directors
Association of Fundraising Professionals
Autumn House Inc
Baker County YMCA
Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative
Blue Mountain Community Foundation
Bridges Oregon, Inc.
Brightways Learning
Burmese American Buddhist Corp.
Caldwell Arts Council
California Association of Museums
California Association of Nonprofits
Camp Hobé
Carbon County Arts Guild & Depot Gallery
Carolina Tiger Rescue
CASA of Cherokee County
Cascades Raptor Center
Catalyst of San Diego & Imperial Counties
Cathedral Arts Project
Catholic Charities USA
Center for Non-Profits (NJ)
Center for Success Network
Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend
Child and Family Legal Advocacy
Children's Aid
Children's Museum of Jacksonville, Inc.
Children's Service Society of Utah
Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation
Christian Helping Hands of Comanche
Church Health
City Rescue Mission
Clackamas Women's Services
Clark Fork Coalition
Colorado Nonprofit Association
Community Against Violence
Community Development Network of Maryland
Community Foundation of Sarasota County
Community Foundation of St. Joseph County
Community Reach of Montgomery County
Hooker Fights Hunger Inc
Human Being Society
Humane Society of Central Oregon
Idaho Nonprofit Center
Idaho Rivers United
Idaho Voices for Diversity, Inc. dba Common Ground Community Chorus
Illinois Association of Museums
I'm Your Neighbor Books
Independent Sector
Inside Out Re-Entry Services, Inc
Inspire Washington
Inspiring Dreams Network
Intermountain Specialized Abuse Treatment Center
Iowa Alliance of YMCAs
Jail and Outreach Ministry
JDRF
Jewish Family Services of Greater Charlotte
Jewish Federation of Chicago
Jewish Federations of North America
Joan G. Lovering Health Center
Junior Achievement of Eastern North Carolina
Klamath Outdoor Science School
Lane Arts Council
Lane County Historical Society
LEAF Global Arts
League of American Orchestras
League of California Community Foundations
Life Houses Inc
LitNet
Louisiana Association of Museums
Lovelane Special Needs Horseback Riding Program
Maine Association of Nonprofits
Maine Management Consulting
Marland Children's Home dba Marland's Place
Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA
Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Maryland Philanthropy Network
Massachusetts Nonprofit Network
Meals on Wheels of Albuquerque
MENTOR Rhode Island
Mi Casa Esperanza Inc
Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers
Michigan Aviation Education Foundation
Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
Michigan League for Public Policy
Michigan Museums Association
Michigan Nonprofit Association
Mid-Willamette Family YMCA
Milan Polk Clark Enrichment Center
Minnesota Council on Foundations
Missing Persons Alerts
Momentum Nonprofit Partners
Montana Conservation Corps
Montana Nonprofit Association
Mountain Bike the Tetons
Mountain Journal
Mountainheart
Museum Association of Arizona
Museums Alaska
National Assembly of State Arts Agencies
National Association of Charitable Gift Planners
National Association of College and University Business Officers
National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics
National Council of Nonprofits
National Council on Aging
NC Alliance of YMCAs
NC Stop Human Trafficking
Nebraska Museums Association
Neighbors Building Neighborhoods
Neighbors Building Neighborhoods, Inc.
New Dance Theatre, Inc.
New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits
New Hampshire Lakes Association, Inc. (doing business as ‘NH LAKES’)
New Jersey Association of Museums
New Mexico Thrives
NJ YMCA State Alliance
Nonprofit Association of the Midland
Nonprofit Center of the Berkshires
Nonprofit Finance Fund
Nonprofit New York
NonProfitConnect
North Carolina Center for Nonprofits
North Carolina Master Chorale
North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations
North Suburban YMCA
Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestras, Inc.
Northwest Kidney Kids
NYC Employment and Training Coalition
NY Funders Alliance
Oasis Housing Inc.
Oglebay Institute
Ohio Museums Association
Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice
Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice
Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits
Oklahoma City Beautiful
Oklahoma Museums Association
Oklahoma Museums Association
Oklahoma Railway Museum Limited
Oklahomans for the Arts
Onward Roseburg
OPERA America
Operation Xcel
Oregon Alliance of YMCAs
Oregon Community Warehouse, Inc.
Oregon Museums Association
Pacific Youth Choir
Pamlico Partnership for Children
Parkinson Foundation of Oklahoma
Partnership for Children
Pathways Adult Learning Center
Pennsylvania Museums
People and Carnivores
Performance Works NorthWest
Performing Arts Alliance
Philadelphia Foundation
Philanthropy Ohio
Philanthropy Roundtable
Piedmont Health Services and Sickle Cell Agency
Pinellas Community Foundation
Pitt County Council on Aging, Inc.
Plains Indians & Pioneers Historical Foundation, dba Plains Indians & Pioneers Museum
Post Growth Institute
Potts Family Foundation
Power of Predestiny Ministries P. O. P.
Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky
Project Safe, Inc.
Psychoanalytic Center of the Carolinas
Refugee Empowerment Program
Restore Oregon
Revitalize Downtown Stayton
Riverzedge Arts Project, Inc
Rochester Area Community Foundation
Rogue World Music
Rural Resiliency Community Alliance
Safe & Just Michigan
SafeHouse Denver
Samara’s Village
San Francisco Ballet Association
San Luis Valley Great Outdoors
Santiam Heritage Foundation
Sarah Bellum’s Bakery & Workshop
SCCIL dba Resource Center for Disability Solutions
Senior Charity Care Foundation
SHIP
Social Current
Soft Landing Missoula
Sound Rivers
Southeast Community Development Corporation
Southern New England Conference, UCC
Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice
Southwest Alliance of Ys
Spavinaw Coalition Foundation
Special Olympics International
Springfield Area Arts Council
Starr Commonwealth
State Alliance of Michigan YMCAs
Sustainable Community Farms
Swan Valley Connections
Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry
TEAM for West Virginia Children
Team Rubicon
Texas Alliance of YMCAs
The Angel Fund
The Assisi Foundation of Memphis, Incl
The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida
The Corner Health Center
The Denver Foundation
The Foraker Group
The Hearth Foundation
The Henry Ford
The Homeless Alliance, LLC
The Hope Center at Pullen
The International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis
The Leonardo
The Mederi Foundation
The Music Lessons Project
The Myrna Loy
The Nonprofit Alliance
The Remington Group
The Saluda Pop-Up Pantry
The YMCA of Klamath Falls
Therapeutic Riding, Inc.
Thomas W. Briggs Foundation
Together SC
Trap Free Montana
Tri-County Mental Health Services
Trisector Consulting, LLC
United Philanthropy Forum
United Way Manitowoc County
United Way of Columbia County
United Way of South Central Idaho
United Way of Steele County
United Way of Washtenaw County
United Way Worldwide
United Ways of Texas
Upper Midwest Alliance of YMCAs
Utah Digital Marketing Collective
Utah Jump$tart Coalition
Utah Museums Association
Valley of the Sun United Way
Via of the Lehigh Valley
Virginia Association of Museums
VOA MN/WI
Volunteers of America
Volunteers of America Michigan
Washington Nonprofits
Washington State Alliance of YMCAs
Watershed Guardians, Inc.
Wayne County YMCA
Wenatchee Valley YMCA
West Virginia Breast Health Initiative, Inc.
West Virginia Nonprofit Association
Western Plains Youth and Family Services
Willow Center, Inc.
Wings For LIFE International
Women's Fund of Rhode Island
Wonderbloom
Wood County Society
Wyandotte Clinic for the Working Uninsured DBA: Downriver Community Clinic
Wyoming Community Foundation
Wyoming Nonprofit Network
YMCA Buffalo Niagara
YMCA of Columbia Willamette
YMCA of Douglas County
YMCA of El Paso
YMCA of Grays Harbor
YMCA of Greater Seattle
YMCA of Ithaca and Tompkins county
YMCA of Long Island, Inc.
YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit
YMCA of Oswego, NY Inc.
YMCA of Southwest Washington
YMCA of the Chesapeake Inc.
YMCA of the Greater Tri-Valley
YMCA of the Inland Northwest
YMCA of the USA
Young Men's Christian Association of Kingston and Ulster County
Young Men's Christian Association of Walla Walla