

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

As leaders of the nonprofit charitable sector across the nation, we want to thank you for your strong support of our sector in recent negotiations with Congress on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Charities employ approximately 10 percent of the nation's private workforce. More important, however, nonprofits are the linchpin to a healthy civil society in America and to advancing what is surely a shared goal: ensuring that all people living in America thrive. Many of us shared with you in our phone call on March 25 that this is, and will remain, a time that demands the best that leadership has to offer, whether that leadership is coming from our elected officials, business leaders, or community-based organizations and nonprofits.

While the CARES Act was a good start toward addressing the needs of nonprofits during this time, we had hoped to see funds set aside specifically for assistance to nonprofits. We also requested that the 500-employee limit placed on the Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program (modeled on the SBA's 7(A) loan extension program) would be lifted; this restriction is deeply problematic, especially for larger nonprofit organizations with much-needed capacity to scale critical support services in our communities. The fact that many nonprofits now have access to \$367 billion in new business continuity loans is a crucial first step, and the inclusion of an above-the-line, universal charitable deduction is an important signal that we need to do more to incentivize charitable giving by all Americans, now. Finally, the CARES Act notes the Secretary of the Treasury may otherwise create a loan program similar to the Economic Stabilization funds. We urge you to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make this a priority.

We look forward to working with your administration and Congress in the weeks and months ahead to ensure that charitable-giving incentives and similar support for nonprofits are sufficient to generate the resources we require to respond to this crisis. This assistance must be robust enough to minimize severe drops in charitable giving as well as compensate for the depressed revenues we are likely to see as a result of even a temporary stall in the U.S. economy.

There is so much more work to be done to meet the needs of our communities. We must also make certain that charities are robust, agile and able to be full partners with the public and private sectors in meeting community needs in this extraordinary time. The CARES Act was a critically important first step in this work. Unfortunately, it likely will not be enough.

Again, we are grateful for the administration's efforts in working with Congress to get the CARES legislation in place. We hope that nonprofits can count on your continued engagement with congressional leadership and our sector to make sure that charities can continue to fulfill their missions especially in times of unique challenge to our nation.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Strong Families and Communities
Alzheimer's Association
American Cancer Society and American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Heart Association

American Lung Association
American Red Cross
Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
Catholic Charities USA
City Year Inc.
Covenant House International
Girl Scouts of the USA
Girls Inc.
Goodwill Industries International, Inc.
Habitat for Humanity International
Independent Sector
Leadership 18
Lutheran Services in America
Mental Health America
National Council of Nonprofits
National Council on Aging
The Jewish Federations of North America
Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of American
United Way Worldwide
Voices for National Service
YMCA of the USA
YWCA USA