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National Nonprofit Legislative Caucus

Nonprofits play a vital role in communities, yet are often overlooked in legislation and policymaking. The National Nonprofit Legislative Caucus is an open, bipartisan, and bicameral group of legislators dedicated to supporting the work of charitable nonprofits and their communities. Too often, the nonprofit sector is overlooked, despite the vital role it plays. The Caucus convenes legislators from across the country to identify nonpartisan solutions to challenges charitable nonprofits face in our communities.



The Caucus was created by State [Senator Cheryl Kagan](#) (D-MD), a champion of nonprofit policy priorities, in partnership with the National Council of Nonprofits and [National Conference of State Legislatures](#).

Legislators are invited to join the Caucus, share bills they have sponsored that support nonprofits, and collaborate with others to advance ideas. Caucus members

may join the [National Nonprofit Legislative Caucus Listserv](#) to share ideas and proposed legislation amongst members as well as seek expertise and advice from nonprofit leaders.

The National Council of Nonprofits has highlighted many noteworthy legislative efforts by those in the Caucus and across the country.

- [Noteworthy Nonprofit Legislation 2023](#)
- [Noteworthy Nonprofit Legislation 2022](#)
- [Noteworthy Nonprofit Legislation 2021](#)

The Caucus is currently considering legislation for next session:

- [National Nonprofit Legislative Caucus - Legislative Priorities 2024](#)

These include legislation in the following subject areas:

- Grant Simplification
- Prompt Payment Parity
- Government Grants Reform
- Charitable Giving Incentives
- Tax Exemptions
- Audit Thresholds
- Nonprofit Ombudsman
- Regulation & Governance

The first organizational meeting was held on Nov. 17, 2020, and a second call was held Oct. 7, 2021 ([watch the video](#)). Interested members attended an in-person, informal gathering and heard Sen. Kagan speak about the importance of nonprofits at the NCSL Summit in August 2023. The most recent meeting was held on Oct. 19, 2023.

Topics of discussion included:

- Creating individual nonprofit caucuses at state legislatures (see [Kentucky](#) and [Pennsylvania](#))
- Partnering with government through grants and contracts
- Increasing audit thresholds
- Including nonprofits in small business legislation

- Ensuring the word "nonprofit" is consistent (without a hyphen) in legislative and statutory text
- Keeping nonprofits independent from state government



For assistance or to be added to the National Nonprofit Legislative Caucus for future communications, please contact **Senator Kagan's Office** at cheryl.kagan@senate.state.md.us and **Tiffany Carter** at tcarter@councilofnonprofits.org.

Additional Resources

- [Leaders Pushing For A National Legislative Caucus](#), *The NonProfit Times*, Sept. 14, 2023.
- [Legislators Eye the Vital Role of Nonprofits in Addressing Difficult Issues](#), *Governing*, Sept. 5, 2023.