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. The Caucus was created to convene legislators from across the country to identify nonpartisan solutions to challenges charitable nonprofits face in our communities. Too often, the nonprofit sector is overlooked, despite the vital role it plays. The Caucus allows us to share legislative ideas to benefit nonprofit organizations in the legislators' respective states.

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

These include legislation in the following subject areas:

- COVID-19 Response Legislation
- Government Grants Reform
- Charitable Giving Incentives
- Tax Exemptions
- Employment Policy
- Nonprofit Advocacy Rights
- Regulation & Governance

The first organizational meeting was held on November 17, 2020, and a second call was held October 7, 2021 (watch the video).

Will we see you at the NCSL Summit in Indianapolis Aug. 14-15, 2023?

Join us for a beer (or drink of your choice) on Monday, August 14 at 6:45pm at the Ten Hands Social Bar and Eatery at the Westin to chat about your work and nonprofit priorities in your state. RSVP to Tiffany Carter at the National Council of Nonprofits (or just show up!).

Also, on Tuesday, August 15 at 2:45, nonprofits will be among the featured subjects at a session called "Five Hot Topics" in Room 104.

Please feel free to share this invitation with your legislative colleagues in your chamber, state, or across the country!

For assistance or to be added to the National Nonprofit Legislative Caucus for future communications, please contact Senator Kagan’s Office at
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