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Statements of support, community letters, news releases, congressional and IRS resources, and news resources regarding protecting the Johnson Amendment and nonprofit nonpartisanship.

Statements of Support

2025

- <u>Baptist Joint Committee</u>
- National Council of Nonprofits
- <u>Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism</u>
- <u>United States Conference of Catholic Bishops</u>

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- <u>Alliance for Nevada Nonprofits</u>
- Association of Fundraising Professionals
- Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty
- BoardSource

- California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits)
- <u>California Council of Churches and California Association of Nonprofits</u>
- <u>Council on Foundations</u>
- <u>CT Community Nonprofit Alliance</u>
- Florida Nonprofit Alliance
- The Foraker Group (Alaska)
- Forefront (Illinois)
- Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers
- Idaho Nonprofit Center
- Independent Sector
- Interfaith Alliance
- <u>Kentucky Nonprofit Network</u>
- <u>Maine Association of Nonprofits</u>
- <u>Maryland Nonprofits</u>
- <u>Massachusetts Nonprofit Network</u>
- <u>Minnesota Council of Nonprofits</u>
- <u>National Association of State Charities Officials</u>
- <u>National Council of Nonprofits</u>
- <u>New Jersey Center for Non-Profits</u>
- <u>New York Council of Nonprofits</u>
- <u>Nonprofit Association of Oregon</u>
- Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York
- <u>North Carolina Center for Nonprofits</u>
- <u>North Carolina Council of Churches</u>
- North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations
- <u>Northern California Grantmakers</u>
- Philanthropy New York
- Providers' Council (Massachusetts)
- <u>Rockefeller Brothers Fund</u>
- <u>United Way of Frederick County</u>
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