Comment of Tim Delaney, President & CEO of the National Council of Nonprofits, upon House passage of the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024:

“All in America should celebrate the House passage of this legislation as a sign that bipartisanship is not dead in Congress. The legislation, however, must be improved in the Senate to include a tax provision that is as all-American as they get – restoration of a key charitable giving incentive that expired at the end of 2021. Since then, the number of people making charitable donations has plummeted. The charitable sector is united in calling for immediate restoration of the non-itemizer deduction that would provide needed support for the work of charitable nonprofits in every state and community.

"As nonprofits face declining donations and increasing demand for their services, the “universal” charitable deduction would prove life-saving to nonprofits and the people they serve. The expired incentive enabled individuals to deduct charitable
donations, even when they take the standard deduction, giving many lower-income taxpayers the first charitable tax incentive of their work lives. Further, the greatest recipients of the smaller donations generated by the giving incentive would be smaller, often cash-strapped organizations in local communities that provide immediate, tangible support for constituents. It is essential that the Senate include a non-itemizer charitable deduction as a component of any tax legislation it considers.”

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