



December 9, 2014

The Honorable John Boehner
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
H-204 U.S. Capitol
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The Honorable Dave Camp
House Committee on Ways and Means
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The Honorable Sander Levin
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Dear Speaker Boehner, Leader Pelosi, Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

As the 113th Congress draws to a close, we are calling on Congress to send the charitable tax incentives package (H.R. 5806) to the President's desk before the end of the year.

Enactment of this critical legislation would give nonprofits and foundations unprecedented ability to fulfill their missions, helping those in need and building stronger and more vibrant communities across America. A one-year extension, which would put these tax incentives in place for merely the next three weeks, is not enough.

H.R. 5806 would make permanent three charitable tax incentives: allowing IRA rollovers for charitable purposes; the incentive for donations of conservation easements; and making it easier for farmers and small businesses to donate food to community food banks.

The undersigned organizations urge all Members of the House to vote for this critical legislation that will help those most in need. The provisions are bipartisan, broadly supported, have already passed the House of Representatives and would have an immediate beneficial impact in every community in America.

Collectively, our organizations represent tens of thousands of charitable nonprofits and foundations operating in every state in the country and touching the lives of millions of Americans every day. Seeing H.R. 5806 enacted this year is a top priority for us. Its impact on low-income Americans and underserved populations, as well as on middle-

class farmers, ranchers and landowners and the nation's community food banks, cannot be overstated.

In this season of giving, we are all challenged to do more to help others. By making these bipartisan charitable tax incentives permanent, Congress has the opportunity to multiply the millions of individual acts of generosity happening across the country and make those contributions permanent.

We are counting on your support.

Sincerely yours,

Council on Foundations

Feeding America

Independent Sector

The Jewish Federations of North America

Land Trust Alliance

National Council of Nonprofits

United Way Worldwide