



The Nonprofit Association of the Midlands strengthens the collective voice, leadership and capacity of nonprofit organizations to enrich the quality of community life throughout Nebraska.

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The Honorable Adrian Smith
Nebraska 3rd District
2241 Rayburn HOB
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Comments to House Ways and Means Committee, Charitable Giving Incentive

Dear Representative Smith:

The Nonprofit Association of the Midlands is a state wide, membership organization that serves Nebraska's nonprofit community and is a member of the National Council of Nonprofits. Nebraska nonprofit sector includes more than 12,000 nonprofits and employs one in eleven Nebraskans.

The charitable deduction is a key source of revenue for nonprofits and nonprofits benefit the lives of Americans and all Nebraskans in significant ways:

- CASA of Scotts Bluff County, recruits and trains community volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in the juvenile court system
- Capstone, is one of seven Child Advocacy Centers in the state and covers the eleven counties of Western Nebraska
- Central Nebraska Community Services people in need in Grand Island with Emergency Rent and Utility Payment Assistance, Budget Coaching and a Food Pantry

All of these things are made possible in part of the nonprofit corporate tax exemption and the charitable deduction.

We support the charitable deduction and a fairer tax system and ask for your support on this issue.

Sincerely,

Anne Hindery
Chief Executive Officer