The Honorable Scott Tipton  
218 Cannon House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Tipton:

The undersigned organizations strongly oppose proposals that would politicize the charitable nonprofit and philanthropic community by repealing or weakening current federal tax law protections that prohibit 501(c)(3) organizations from endorsing, opposing, or contributing to political candidates.

Nonpartisanship is a cornerstone principle that has strengthened the public’s trust of the charitable community. In exchange for enjoying tax-exempt status and the ability to receive tax-deductible contributions, 501(c)(3) organizations – charitable nonprofits, including religious congregations, and foundations – agree to not engage in “any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.”

That provision of law protects the integrity and independence of charitable nonprofits and foundations. It shields the entire 501(c)(3) community against the rancor of partisan politics so the charitable community can be a safe haven where individuals of all beliefs come together to solve community problems free from partisan divisions. It screens out doubts and suspicions regarding ulterior partisan motives of charitable organizations, as undoubtedly would occur if even just a few charitable organizations engaged in partisan politics. Nonpartisan credibility is critical to the ability of 501(c)(3) organizations to work with elected officials of all parties at the local, state, and federal levels to address community needs.

Charitable nonprofits, including religious congregations, are free to speak on important matters of the day and advocate on public policy issues and legislation. Private foundations, while barred from most lobbying activities, are free to engage in public debates, promote public education efforts, and fund a wide range of issue-focused activities. The relevant language in Section 501(c)(3) merely prohibits partisan campaign intervention, defined to include endorsing or opposing candidates for public office, publishing or distributing statements for or against candidates, or using tax-deductible and other resources to support partisan campaign activities.

We are united in opposing any and all efforts to weaken or repeal this longstanding protection in the federal tax code (sometimes called the Johnson Amendment) that President Eisenhower signed into law in 1954. Weakening the law by allowing leaders of individual 501(c)(3) entities to endorse candidates for public office and engage in some partisan electioneering activities would damage the integrity and effectiveness of all charitable organizations and spawn litigation as innovative partisans seek to expand gray areas in the proposed legislation. Repealing the Johnson Amendment, an approach promoted by the President and some in Congress, would damage the federal Treasury as people take tax deductions for political contributions they could then funnel through charitable nonprofits, undercut fair elections by providing a loophole to avoid campaign contribution disclosure laws, and empower politicians to exert pressure for access to foundation assets and charitable funds for their own partisan campaigns rather than for the public good.
We urge you to join us in opposing efforts to weaken and/or repeal the current law that for six decades has successfully protected the integrity and effectiveness of charitable nonprofits and foundations by keeping them apart from partisan politics.

Respectfully,

**Colorado**

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AdvocacyDenver  
Advocate Safehouse Project  
AKC Canine Health Foundation  
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Anglers of Honor  
Anschutz Family Foundation  
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Athena Project  
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Bohemian Foundation  
Boulder Valley Women's Health Center  
Center for Health Progress  
Center for Nonprofit Excellence  
ChildSafe Colorado  
Citizens Project  
CleanSlateNow  
Clinica Tepeyac  
Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education  
Colorado Association of Funders  
Colorado Center on Law and Policy  
Colorado Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State  
Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition  
Colorado High School Cycling League  
Colorado Music Festival and Center for Musical Arts  
Colorado Nonprofit Association  
Colorado Nonprofit Development Center  
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Colorado Pet Pantry  
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Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley  
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Denver Justice and Peace Committee  
Denver Urban Matters  
Denver's Early Childhood Council  
Disability Law Colorado  
Doctors Care  
Downtown Aurora Visual Arts  
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Eating Disorder Foundation  
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