



June 14, 2023

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman
US Senate Committee on Finance
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jason Smith
Chairman
US House Committee on Ways and Means
1101 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Ranking Member
US Senate Committee on Finance
239 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Neal
Ranking Member
US House Committee on Ways and Means
372 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Wyden and Smith, and Ranking Members Crapo and Neal:

The National Federation of the Blind, the transformative membership and advocacy organization of blind Americans, supports the Charitable Act (S. 566/H.R. 3435). This bill would create an individual charitable deduction up to one-third of the amount of the standard deduction for the current tax year for those who do not itemize their taxes. This would ensure that everyone who donates is able to benefit from both the standard deduction and the charitable deduction, which would provide an incentive for American taxpayers at all income levels to be more generous in their giving to local, state, and national charities that can enact positive change in the community.

As the President of one of the nation's leading organizations of people with disabilities, and an IRS 501(c)(3) charity, I can tell you that charitable giving is an important opportunity for the average American to support the programs and projects meaningful to them. Furthermore, this funding is a considerable part of the financing and public accountability of nonprofit organizations. Therefore, we endorse the Charitable Act (S. 566/H.R. 3435) and urge you to move it through your committees as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Riccobono, President
National Federation of the Blind

CC: The Honorable James Lankford
The Honorable Blake Moore
The Honorable Chris Coons
The Honorable Danny Davis