



November 21, 2017

Dear Senator:

Next week when the Comprehensive Tax Reform Bill comes to the Senate floor, we understand that **an amendment may be offered calling for a Universal Charitable Deduction. We strongly urge you support such an amendment.**

The Senate Comprehensive Tax Reform Bill reported out of the Senate Finance Committee doubles the standard deduction. Accordingly, the bill significantly reduces the number of tax filers that will itemize their taxes and therefore those that may claim the charitable deduction. (The House Tax Reform Bill, passed by the House last week, also calls for a doubling of the standard deduction.)

Specifically, under the Comprehensive Tax Reform Bill, as reported out of the Senate Finance Committee, the charitable deduction will no longer be available to over 30 million taxpayers. Worse still, according to Congress's Joint Committee on Tax, charitable contributions will decline by \$13 Billion per year!

The DMA Nonprofit Federation represents over 300 charitable organizations that depend on the nation's generosity to serve vital missions. Such a reduction in charitable donations will be devastating to all nonprofit organizations—churches, children's aid, hospitals, disaster relief organizations are among the many worthy organizations we are proud to serve as our members.

We respectfully ask that you to support an amendment for a Universal Charitable Deduction, so that the incredible charitable organizations helping all of us can continue carrying out their important missions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Senny Boone".

Xenia "Senny" Boone

Executive Director