



April 27, 2018

Dear members of the Colorado General Assembly,

We support allowing taxpayers to donate their tax refunds to any registered Colorado nonprofit via the state tax form. This would encourage Coloradans to give when they have additional income and to give more throughout the year; not just at the end of the year.

Colorado's taxpayers received over \$1 billion in tax refunds last year. If they donated just 5% of their tax refunds, charitable giving would increase by \$50 million. By increasing charitable giving in our state, Colorado's nonprofits will have more resources for their essential work of building stronger communities.

Just as Colorado was the first state to allow donation of tax refunds to charitable causes through the state tax return, Colorado would become the first state to allow taxpayers to write (or type) in the name of a nonprofit on their returns to receive a tax refund donation. **Please support SB 18-141 to make this possible!**

Sincerely,

Organizations

A Child's Song (Thornton)
Alliance (Denver)
The Arc - Jefferson, Clear Creek & Gilpin Counties (Lakewood)
Arvada Community Food Bank (Arvada)
Ascend Performing Arts (Denver)
Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado (Denver)
Boys & Girls Clubs of Colorado (Denver)
Boys & Girls Club of Fremont County (Canon City)
Canon City Golden Age Council Inc. (Canon City)
CASA of Jefferson and Gilpin Counties (Golden)
Collective Resilience Consulting (Centennial)
Colorado Farm to Table (Salida)
Colorado Pet Pantry (Boulder)
Colorado Youth Corps Association (Denver)
Community First Foundation (Arvada)
Community Grief Center (Greeley)
Community Shares of Colorado (Denver)
Cottonwood Institute (Denver)
Curious Theatre Company (Denver)
Denver Urban Gardens (Denver)
Denver Women's Collaborative (Denver)
Eagle Valley Land Trust (Edwards)
Economic Literacy Colorado (Denver)

Community First Foundation believes a strong nonprofit sector is essential to keeping Colorado communities healthy and vibrant. Encouraging generosity by making it easy for Colorado taxpayers to support nonprofits will benefit all Coloradans. That's why we created Colorado Gives Day and it's why we support SB 18-141. – **Marla Williams, Community First Foundation, Arvada**

Our Boys and Girls Club could stand to benefit from this legislation, we have a very good reputation in the community and this would give folks another opportunity to think of us! – **Terry Hamilton, Boys and Girls Club of Fremont County, Canon City**

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Endless Possibilities Initiative (EPIc) (Fraser)
English in Action (Carbondale)
Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado (Greenwood)
The Feline Fix (Commerce City)
Fetal Health Foundation (Littleton)
Food Bank of the Rockies (Denver)
Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic (Fort Collins)
The Gathering Place (Denver)
Greeley Transitional House (Greeley)
Healing Buddies dba Lifespark (Lakewood)
Heart and Hand Center (Denver)
Hilltop Community Resources (Grand Junction)
Hospice and Palliative Care Association of the Rockies (Englewood)
Human Services Network of Colorado (Denver)
IN! Colorado Initiative for Inclusive Higher Education (Denver)
Jeingle (Denver)
Junior Achievement (Denver)
Lincoln Hills Cares (Denver)
Listen Foundation (Greenwood Village)
Liver Health Connection (Denver)
Mile High United Way (Denver)
Mirror Image Arts (Denver)
Mountains and Plains Institute for Lifelong Learning and Service (Fort Collins)
Museo de Las Americas (Denver)
NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado Foundation (Denver)
Outreach Uganda (Highlands Ranch)
People House (Denver)
Phamaly Theater Company (Denver)
Project Angel Heart (Denver)
Project Bike Tech (Frisco)
Rebuilding Together Metro Denver (Lakewood)
ReCreative Denver (Denver)
Rio Blanco Historical Society (Meeker)
Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust (Del Norte)
Rock 1 Kidney (Durango)
Rocky Mountain Arts Association (Denver)
Rocky Mountain Section American Water Works Association (Centennial)
Rosemount Museum (Pueblo)
SafeHouse Denver (Denver)
Scleroderma Foundation-Rocky Mountain Chapter (Denver)
Seniors' Resource Center (Wheat Ridge)

Nonprofits create vibrant, strong communities by providing services that are not otherwise offered or readily available. Providing an easy opportunity for individuals to contribute to Colorado's charities, and at a different time of the year, is certain to have a broad impact. SB 18-141 is brilliant! – **Debbie Pierce, Economic Literacy Colorado, Denver**

Many Colorado nonprofits struggle to gain financial support to provide essential services to at-risk populations I fully support offering taxpayers a simple way to give financially to any of these organizations as a part of their annual tax filing. – **Sheila Marucut, Centennial**

On behalf of the Rosemount Board of Directors and myself, we believe supporting nonprofits is essential to communities. Having an option and reminder to individuals to enhance the support of nonprofits and become part of their success is an amazing step in the right direction. – **Deb Darrow, Rosemount Museum, Pueblo**

Nonprofits across Colorado fill a great need for the community and allowing taxpayers to give a portion of their refund to any Colorado nonprofit will raise the level of funding for many organizations that are doing great work. – **Jo-Ann Scharmann, Mile High United Way, Denver**

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Sister Carmen Community Center (Lafayette)
Southern Ute Community Action Program (Ignacio)
Telecommunications History Group (Wheat Ridge)
Violet Hive Art Therapy (Denver)
We Don't Waste (Denver)
Wild Once More Rehabilitation Center (Brighton)
The Women's Foundation of Colorado (Denver)
YANAM2M (Littleton)

Individuals

Geraldine Aichinger (Colorado Springs)
Lauren Andraski (Denver)
Mark Arnold (Denver)
Sue Artone-Fricke (Denver)
Deborah Baker (Loveland)
Deborah Baker (Greeley)
William Bertschy (Fort Collins)
Janell Bishop (Larkspur)
Lisa Boehm (Denver)
James Bole (Golden)
Danielle Bowker (Denver)
Cheryl Brubaker (Denver)
Carrie Buchan (Castle Rock)
Cynthia Bullock (Colorado Springs)
Byron Burlingame (Aurora)
Thomas Callaway (Broomfield)
Teresa Campbell (Ignacio)
Linda Cannon (Denver)
Christine Capocelli (Littleton)
Andrew Castillo (Wheat Ridge)
Meghan Chapman (Denver)
Lauren Christensen (Denver)
Kelli Christian (Denver)
Ford Church (Denver)
Mary Cipollone (Denver)
Suzanne Crawford (Lafayette)
Lauren Czajka (Denver)
John Dandurand (Denver)
Deb Darrow (Pueblo)
Amber DeLay (Steamboat Springs)
Paolo Diaz (Denver)
Peter Droege (Denver)
Barbara Drumm-Brower (Denver)
Ernest Duff (Centennial)

The nonprofit community is on the front line of providing services that directly enhance the quality of life for the residents of Colorado. This bill would have a direct, positive impact on this sector to benefit all our residents. – **Mark Arnold, Ascend Performing Arts, Denver**

I think this will increase donations to nonprofits and charities. – **Janell Bishop, Larkspur**

With the recent federal tax reform changes to the standard deduction (effectively eliminating the ability of millions of taxpayers to receive a charitable deduction), our organization is very concerned about the future impact on individual donations to our organization. We view this legislation as a very helpful step in helping to mitigate this potential loss of funding and thereby continue our important work with underserved populations in Colorado. – **Jodi Hartmann, Greeley Transitional House**

Community Shares believes in democratizing philanthropy. We invite more individuals to give at any level to the charities they care about most and expand their choices through common giving channels. We support this bill because it will give Colorado taxpayers who choose to donate a portion of their refund increased choice in directing their giving and provide more nonprofits the opportunity to connect with potential supporters. – **Erin Atwell, Community Shares of Colorado, Denver**

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Lauren Errico (Denver)
Matthew Feeney (Lakewood)
Barbara Firth (Grand Junction)
Brian Fisher (Frisco)
Tracey Flower (Denver)
Tim Flynn (Denver)
Kirk Foyle (Englewood)
Scott Franssen (Denver)
Donna Garcia (Pueblo)
Kim Garcia (Castle Rock)
Kimberly Gent (Glenwood Springs)
Claire Graham-McDonnell (Thornton)
Rebecca Greben (Denver)
Patricia Greenway (Littleton)
Gaelen Hafen (Denver)
Jacqueline Hall (Englewood)
Terry Hamilton (Canon City)
Janet Haroldson (Commerce City)
Megan Harvey (Denver)
Robyn Hazlitt (Boulder)
Taylor Hite (Denver)
Art Hogling (Evergreen)
Jillian Hrnicek (Arvada)
Don Huber (Littleton)
Constance Ingram (Highlands Ranch)
Melissa Jensen (Greeley)
Patricia Keck (Denver)
Cyndi Kerins (Denver)
Emily Korson (Denver)
Genevieve Laca (Denver)
Wai Leung (Littleton)
Jesse Loper (Denver)
Joan Majeune (Arvada)
Sarah Maletsky (Lakewood)
Tavia Mirassou-Wolf (Fort Collins)
Sheila Marucut (Centennial)
Emily Maurer (Denver)
Kim McGrigg (Golden)
Victoria McVicker (Denver)
Teresa Meister (Colorado Springs)
Sally Messinger (Steamboat Springs)
Jessica Miller (Loveland)
Carol Monaco (Brighton)
Meegan Moszynski (Lakewood)

This bill would benefit nonprofits throughout the state that provide important services to our community members. - **Lara Beaulieu, English in Action, Carbondale**

Colorado nonprofits add to the strength of our community. This legislation will help mitigate the concerns nonprofits have of the impact of the tax reform legislation. I think this bill is a wonderful move forward. - **Donna Scott, Castle Rock**

This will help land conservation in Colorado, which benefits our economy and our residents! - **Jim Daus, Eagle Valley Land Trust, Edwards**

I believe people would be more willing to give if the process was convenient as this would be. - **Kim Swaney, Firestone**

We are a Colorado based organization that believes strongly that additional donor incentives are needed so the nonprofit sector does not experience a significant decline in revenues because of the recent national tax legislation that was passed increasing the standard deduction. - **Carol Davis, Outreach Uganda, Highlands Ranch**

We serve our community and need donations and grants to keep our music studio open. - **Cynthia Trost, A Child's Song, Thornton**

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Cookie Murphy-Pettee (McCoy)
Claudia Navarro (Ignacio)
Brian Newsome (Colorado Springs)
Lauren Novo (Colorado Springs)
Martha Perantoni (Denver)
Cherri Peterson (Denver)
Helen Pietranczyk (Littleton)
Michelle Poolet (Golden)
Rachael Raab (Denver)
Erica Rambus (Denver)
Teresia Reed (Meeker)
Christine Remy (Littleton)
Clinton Robertson (Florence)
Darlene Rodgers (Littleton)
Monica Roers (Wheat Ridge)
Christine Romaine (Denver)
Jo-Ann Scharmann (Denver)
Rebecca Scheab (Englewood)
Michele Scheetz (Fort Collins)
Michael Schlut (Denver)
Heather Schreck (Denver)
Lauren Schwartz (Littleton)
Donna Scott (Castle Rock)
Kristi Shaffer (Denver)
Jenny Shaw (Longmont)
Tony Shiver (Denver)
Deanne Siqueiros (Denver)
Samantha Smith (Lakewood)
Michelle Somers (Littleton)
Catherine Sparks (Denver)
Kim Swaney (Firestone)
Rebecca Taylor (Denver)
Sandra Taylor (Thornton)
Don Thompson (Alamosa)
Kaitlin Vaillancourt (Denver)
Cynthia Wadle (Denver)
Victoria Walker (Lakewood)
Ben Walther (Arvada)
Zach Ward (Denver)
Eileen Wasserbach (Ignacio)
Brenda Whetstone (Denver)
Jordan Williams (Fort Collins)
Ed Witterholt (Denver)
Sara Wittner (Lakewood)

It's been proven that nonprofits provide a substantial benefit to my community and I have personally benefited from the efforts of at least one non-profit, as have all of my family members. Without nonprofits, I would not have a job, and a great job that I am proud of and enjoying doing every day. Nonprofits stretch dollars to an extreme amount and every penny goes a remarkable distance, but every dollar donated allows the efforts of these organizations to reach further. - **Jessica Miller, Loveland**

All nonprofits should have the benefit of donors supporting them with funds from their tax refunds. Limiting these donations to only a few organizations or causes limits the choice of donors who wish to use their tax refunds for charitable purposes. - **Eileen Wasserbach, Southern Ute Community Action Programs, Ignacio**

This proposal creates an important and convenient way for donors to make contributions. I personally use the current check box system and expanding it to all registered non-profits will be a real advantage. - **William Bertschy, Mountains and Plains Institute for Lifelong Learning and Service, Fort Collins**

This program permits citizens to freely and voluntarily donate their own money in an efficient way to organizations changing lives around the state. - **Scott Segerstrom, Colorado Youth Corps Association, Denver**

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