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STILL TIME TO INFLUENCE THE STIMULUS PACKAGE

Negotiations for the stimulus package are still dragging on in the U.S. Senate. There is still time to get a message to your Senators about this important bill. We want to push for two things:

1. We need to see stimulus money for nonprofit organizations and charities, not just the business sector. Nonprofits carry the lion's share of support for those in poverty and need help more than ever.
2. We need to make sure the Universal Charitable Deduction Act—now being called the Lankford amendment—makes it into the final bill. According to the Independent Sector, the alternative bill Nancy Pelosi just introduced removed that. This is critical for nonprofit organizations that depend on donor support.

Immediate outreach should be made to Senate leaders, including:

[Republican Leader Mitch McConnell](#) (KY) and Whip [John Thune](#) (SD)

[Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer](#) (NY) and Whip [Dick Durbin](#) (IL)

Democratic and Republican Members of the [Senate Finance Committee](#)

Please reach out to key contacts in Senate leadership:

- **Ask them to allow a vote on the Lankford amendment - and to vote for it themselves.**
- Remind them that faith-based (and other) nonprofit organizations on the front lines need help so they can continue providing physical, emotional/relational, and spiritual care for hurting and needy individuals in every American community.
- Encourage them that the Lankford amendment is a highly cost-effective way of incentivizing all Americans to help fund this nonprofit work.