SUBJECT: Protect Nonprofit Nonpartisanship Today

Greetings,

Thank you very much for being a part of [your organization]. I am writing to you today to encourage you to take a few moments to support nonpartisanship in the nonprofit sector.

The Johnson Amendment, a long-standing part of the U.S. tax code, is a vital protection for keeping tax-exempt charitable organizations -- nonprofits, foundations, and houses of worship -- above the partisan political fray. It keeps us focused on our missions and enables us to build relationships with policymakers on both sides of the aisle so that we can serve our communities.

**Unfortunately, anti-Johnson Amendment forces are working again to weaken this important protection for charitable organizations.** They’ve placed an extraneous anti-Johnson Amendment policy rider in a federal spending bill that is currently up for negotiation between the House and Senate.

Senator Maria Cantwell, Senator Patty Murray, and [your local representative] **needs to hear from you that partisan politics have no place in charitable organizations.** Call their office today and deliver this message:

*Partisanship has NO place in charitable organizations – whether churches, charities, or foundations. Please encourage the conference committee members to oppose all efforts to include a controversial anti-Johnson Amendment rider to the Financial Services spending bill, H.R.6147.*

Senator Cantwell’s DC Office: (202) 224-3441

Senator Murray’s DC Office: (202) 224-2621

Representative [last name]’s DC Office: [Phone Number - *find it here*: <https://www.house.gov/representatives#state-washington>]

Once you’ve made your call, **please forward this email widely** so that they can call too. If enough people call, it will demonstrate that there is widespread opposition to the anti-Johnson Amendment rider, which can only help us with getting the clause removed.

**Please Note: If you are concerned that you or your nonprofit cannot make phone calls, don’t be.** Nonprofits, their staff, and their clients are fully allowed to make phone calls to their elected officials on critical public policy issues such as the Johnson Amendment.

Thank you for your participation. If you have any questions about this issue please feel free to contact us.

Thank you very much,