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The Honorable Dave Camp
Chairman
U.S. House Ways and Means Committee
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Camp,

Thank you for calling for a hearing this week before the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee to explore the importance of the charitable tax deduction for charitable organizations and the communities they serve. As President and CEO of the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB), I write in support of this public policy that has proven its worth for nearly a century, and I respectfully urge you to oppose proposals to eliminate or reduce it.

NRB is an association of Christian radio and television broadcasters, as well as a wide range of other ministry organizations that engage in communications activities on-air and online, which collectively reach millions of Americans on a regular basis. Many of our members are non-profit organizations that not only powerfully illuminate public needs, but directly work to help the hungry, hurting, addicted, and vulnerable in the United States and abroad. These organizations rely on charitable giving to serve their communities effectively, and any restriction of the charitable deduction could be devastating to their efforts.

Late last year, United Way Worldwide released polling that showed two-thirds of Americans opposed diminishing the charitable tax deduction, and nearly 8 in 10 respondents agreed that reducing or eliminating this incentive would be bad for charities and the people they serve. I join in that sentiment and respectfully encourage the continuation of this monumental public policy. Indeed, rather than capping or otherwise constraining this longstanding deduction, the federal government ought to expand opportunities for the charitable impulse of Americans to thrive.

Thank you for your consideration and your leadership of the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee.

Respectfully,

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