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Letter to Kentucky's Congressional Delegation on Behalf of Kentucky's Nonprofits: Include Nonprofits in COVID-19 Economic Relief

April 20, 2020

Senator Mitch McConnell
Senator Rand Paul

Congressman Andy Barr
Congressman James Comer
Congressman Brett Guthrie
Congressman Thomas Massie
Congressman Hal Rogers
Congressman John Yarmuth

Senators McConnell, Paul and Representatives Barr, Comer, Guthrie, Massie, Rogers, Yarmuth:

On behalf of the undersigned Kentucky nonprofit organizations, thank you for all you are doing to sustain our communities through the COVID-19 pandemic. Kentucky's nonprofit sector is the Commonwealth's fourth largest private sector employer, employing 10% of Kentucky's workforce and contributing \$7.5 billion in annual wages. Like most other parts of our economy, Kentucky's nonprofit sector continues to struggle in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic – organizations have experienced severe financial losses and layoffs due to COVID-19.

The swift action Congress took to pass the Families First Coronavirus Act and the CARES Act will help our communities and organizations provide sick and family leave, prevent further layoffs and offset revenue lost due to COVID by including nonprofits in the emergency loan programs, extending unemployment benefits to many nonprofit employees and providing a small tax incentive for charitable giving. Nonprofits are appreciative of this relief and grateful for your leadership on behalf of the Commonwealth.

During the past two weeks, Kentucky Nonprofit Network (KNN) and our partners at the national level have heard from nonprofits about several modifications to provisions in the CARES Act that would help organizations recover from the economic challenges stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. A unified group of major national organizations has put together a set of recommendations (attached) for modifications to the CARES Act that will help preserve nonprofits' ability to provide essential services at this time of greatest need.

KNN and the undersigned nonprofits fully support these recommendations, and we seek your assistance in ensuring that they are included in the fourth COVID-19 stimulus bill that Congress passes. Specifically, we request the following as the next phase of the CARES Act is negotiated:

1. **Expand nonprofits' access to credit** to provide for immediate financial relief by expanding nonprofit eligibility for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and by establishing a dedicated funding stream for PPP loans to nonprofit organizations.
2. **Strengthen temporary above-the-line charitable deductions** from the CARES Act by allowing taxpayers to use it on the 2019 taxes, significantly increasing the \$300 per person cap, and extending it beyond 2020.
3. **Hold harmless self-insured nonprofits by providing funding to cover 100% of the costs of these organizations' unemployment claims.** Without this change, many nonprofits that provide health care, food assistance, affordable housing, childcare and other critical services will be financially devastated – meaning they would have to end or curtail services later this year.
4. **Increase emergency funding** so that nonprofits can work with state and local governments to provide essential services to vulnerable families and frontline responders to the COVID-19 crisis.

Again, thank you for your continued leadership during this crisis. The Families First Coronavirus Act and the CARES Act were important first steps in helping nonprofits recover from the COVID-19 crisis. We hope you and your colleagues in Congress can make these important modifications to help nonprofits continue to provide essential services in our communities.

Please reach out to danielle@kynonprofits.org with questions or for additional information.

Sincerely,

A Caring Place
ACE Mentor Louisville, Inc.
Adelante Hispanic Achievers, Inc.
Adult & Teen Challenge of Kentucky
Advocacy Action Network
Allegro Dance Project
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Heart Association
American Lung Association in Kentucky
American Printing House for the Blind
Americana Community Center, Inc.
Ampersand Sexual Violence Resource Center of the Bluegrass
Anderson Humane Society, Inc.
Appalachian Children's Home
Appalachian Hospice Care, Inc.
Arbor Youth Services
Art Center of the Bluegrass

Arts-Louisville
Ashland Terrace
Ashland/Henry Clay Memorial Foundation
Association of State Dam Safety Officials, Inc.
Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities
Barefoot Republic Camp & Retreat Center
Barren County Family YMCA Inc.
Barren Heights
Barren River Area Child Advocacy Center
Behringer-Crawford Museum
Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum
Berea Arts Council, Inc.
Berea Home Village
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass
Blue Grass Community Foundation
Boys & Girls Club of Bowling Green
Boys & Girls Club of Franklin Simpson

Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana	Embroiderers' Guild of America
Boys & Girls Haven, Inc.	Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky, Inc
Boys and Girls Clubs of Hopkinsville-Christian County	Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana, Inc.
BRASS, Inc.	Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
Buckhorn Children & Family Services	Erin's Hope for Friends - Kentucky Chapter
Build Inclusion	Explorium of Lexington
Buy Local Louisville Foundation	Faith Community Pharmacy, Inc
Cabbage Patch Settlement House	Family & Children's Place
Camberwell Grief Sanctuary	Family Enrichment Center, Inc.
Carnegie Center for Literacy & Learning	Fayette Eating, Education and Delivery (FEED)
CASA of Lexington	First Generation Women Achievers of the Bluegrass
CASA of Ohio Valley	Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
Catholic Education Foundation	Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky
Cedar Lake	Frankfort Sunshine Center
Center for Accessible Living, Inc.	Franklin County Humane Society
Center for Nonprofit Excellence	Frazier History Museum
Central Kentucky Community Foundation	Fuel 4 Poetry Corporation
Central Kentucky YMCA	Fund for the Arts
Challenger Learning Center of Kentucky	Gateway Homeless Coalition, Inc.
Children's Alliance	Gateway Regional Arts Center
Children's Law Center, Inc.	Girl Scouts of Kentucky's Wilderness Road
CivicLex	Girls Inc. of Owensboro Daviess County
Commonwealth Theatre Center	Good Shepherd Day School
Community Dental Clinic	Goodwill Industries of Kentucky
Community Foundation of Louisville	Great Kids Inc
Community Health Clinic, Inc.	GreenHouse17, Inc.
Community Outreach Inc	Growing Together Preschool
Community Ventures	Habitat for Humanity of Bowling Green/Warren County
Confrontation Point Ministries, DBA	Harbor House of Louisville
AdventureServe Ministries	Healing Reins Therapeutic Riding Inc.
Conrad-Caldwell House Museum	Henderson Area Arts Alliance
Covington Business Council	Henry Clay Memorial Foundation
Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve	Historic Locust Grove
Cumberland Valley Domestic Violence Services	Home of the Innocents
Dancing Well: The Soldier Project	Homeless & Housing Coalition of Kentucky
Daniel Pitino Shelter	Hope Harbor, Inc.
DCCH Center for Children & Families	Hope2All, Inc
Designing Classrooms	Hopkinsville YMCA
Diocesan Catholic Children's Home	HOTEL INC
Diocese of Owensboro	Hugh Edward Sandefur Training Center
Doves of Gateway	human being society
Down Syndrome Association of Central Kentucky	I Would Rather Be Reading
Down Syndrome of Louisville, Inc.	International Book Project, Inc

International Inbound Travel Association	Lighthouse Recovery Services Inc.
Isaiah House Inc	Lincoln County Senior Citizens Center, Inc.
ITNBluegrass	Lion District 43 K
James Graham Brown Foundation	Louisville Ballet
Jewish Community of Louisville, INC	Louisville Bar Association
Jewish Family & Career Services of Louisville	Louisville Girls Leadership
Jewish Federation of Louisville	Louisville Parks Foundation
Kentuckiana Stroke Association	Louisville Youth Choir
Kentucky Academy of Science	Maker's Mark Secretariat Center
Kentucky Alliance of YMCAs	Making a Difference Now
Kentucky Association for Academic Competition	Market House Theatre
Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs	Markey Cancer Foundation
Kentucky CancerLink	Mary E Wharton Nature Sanctuary
Kentucky Center for African American Heritage	Maryhurst
Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Master Provisions
Kentucky Easter Seal Society Inc	Matthew 25 AIDS Services
Kentucky Equal Justice Center	Mental Health America of Kentucky
Kentucky Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	Mentors & Meals
Kentucky Natural Lands Trust	Metro United Way
Kentucky Nonprofit Network	Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc.
Kentucky Pharmacists Association	Muhlenberg County Opportunity Center
Kentucky Railway Museum Inc.	Museum of the American Printing House for the Blind
Kentucky Society of CPAs	NAMI Kentucky
Kentucky State Parks Foundation	NAMI Lexington
Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children	Natalie's Sisters
Kentucky Vision Project	Nativity Academy at St. Boniface
Kentucky Voices for Health	New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding
Kentucky Waterways Alliance	New Beginnings Center for Children and Families, Inc.
Kids Cancer Alliance	New Beginnings Sexual Assault Support Services
KY Lions Camp Crescendo	New Directions Housing Corporation
KY YMCA Youth Association	New Opportunity School for Women
Ky. Native American Heritage Museum	New Vista of the Bluegrass, Inc.
KY/TN Section of American Water Works Association	Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission
Leadership Louisville Center	Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency of the Bluegrass, Inc.
Learning Grove	OASIS, Inc
LexArts	Old Friends
Lexington Children's Theatre	OneWest
Lexington Community Land Trust	Options for Individuals Inc.
Lexington Habitat for Humanity	Orphan Care Alliance
Lexington Philharmonic	Outdoor Writers Association of America
Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass	Owensboro Dance Theatre
Life Learning Center	
Life's Transitions	

Owensboro Family YMCA
Paducah Cooperative Ministry
Pandora Productions, Inc.
Parkinson's International Foundation
Partners In Education of Clark County
People's Clinic Foundation, Inc.
Phoenix Rising
Potter Children's Home
Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky
Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence
Pride Community Services Organization
Puzzle Pieces
Radio Eye
Ray & Kay Eckstein Charitable Trust
Red Bird Clinic, Inc.
Red Bird Mission, Inc.
Redwood School & Rehabilitation Center
Ret.Pray.Love.Foundation
Retired Racehorse Project
Revive Ministries Inc.
River City Housing, Inc.
Ronald McDonald House Charities of
Kentuckiana
Ronald McDonald House of the Bluegrass
Safe Harbor of NE KY
Sanctuary
Sayre Christian Village
SCORE Lexington, Inc.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Council of NKY
Special Olympics Kentucky
Speed Art Museum
SpringHaven Inc Domestic Violence Program
Squallis Puppeteers
St. George's Scholar Institute
St. Joseph Peace Mission for Children, Inc.
StageOne Family Theatre
Supporting Heroes Inc
The Bluegrass Council of the Blind, Inc.
The Caring Place, Inc
The Council on Developmental Disabilities
The Earhart Club
The Gilbert Foundation
The Greater Clark Foundation
The Hearing & Speech Center
The HIVE

The Housing Partnership, Inc.
The Lexington Cancer Foundation, Inc.
The Lexington Theatre Company
The Louisville Orchestra, Inc
The Marilyn and William Young Charitable
Foundation
The Morton Center, Inc.
The Salvation Army
The Sunshine Center
Theatre Workshop of Owensboro
Tri-County Kentucky United Way
Tri-State Bleeding Disorder Foundation
Turning Point Domestic Violence Services
Twisted Pink
United Way of Central Kentucky
United Way of Kentucky
United Way of Murray-Calloway County
United Way of Northeast Kentucky
United Way of the Bluegrass
United Way of the Coalfield
United Way of the Ohio Valley
Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph
USA Cares Inc.
Visually Impaired Preschool Services
Vital Sites
Water With Blessings
Wellspring, Inc.
Western Kentucky Regional Blood Center
Women's Crisis Center
Woodford Theatre
World Affairs Council - Cincinnati and Northern
Kentucky
World Affairs Council of Kentucky & Southern
Indiana
World Trade Center Kentucky
Yeiser Art Center
YMCA of Central Kentucky
Young Hearts Theater Inc
Youth for Technology Foundation (YTF)
Zoom Group, Inc.