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**Support for SB 780, An Act Concerning the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 780, An Act Concerning the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act. The current requirement of an annual audit for any nonprofit with a gross revenue of \$250,000 has placed a burden on small nonprofits in particular. Senate Bill 780 seeks to raise the monetary threshold from \$250,000 to \$500,000 in a way that recognizes the hardship of the cost of annual audits on small nonprofits but maintains the transparency of accounting. For one small nonprofit in my district - a largely volunteer art association - their annual cost for a full financial audit is approximately \$4,000. As this small art association struggles with finances, they must, for example, sell \$12,000 in paintings per year to net the cost of their annual audit.

SB 780 would provide important financial relief and maintain the integrity and intent of the audit's purpose. For this reason, I urge the committee's endorsement of this important proposal.