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Subject: Oppose the 25% Property Tax on Nonprofits with Savings Accounts (S.B. 1137 & S.B. 1138)

Dear [recipient's salutation and name],

I am the CEO of Klingberg Family Centers, a multiservice organization that provides children's behavioral health services, foster care and adoption, and special education, among other programs. I am writing to express my strong opposition to Section 1 of S.B. 1137 and Section 5 of S.B. 1138, which would require nonprofits with savings accounts or endowments to pay a 25% tax on property currently exempt from taxes.

This proposal would take funds away from the services that we provide to children and families with severe needs and erode our ability to provide services to others in need. As a nonprofit, we provide critical services so government does not have to in the face of increasing demands with no commensurate increase in funding.

This proposal would also sabotage our relationships with individual and corporate donors, who want their contributions to help people, not pay taxes, exacerbating an already daunting fund-raising challenge.

Simply put, this proposal would divert critical resources away from the people that Klingberg and other nonprofits serve. It will hurt the most vulnerable people among us. I urge you to take no action on S.B. 1137 and S.B. 1138 unless this harmful proposal is removed.

Sincerely,
Steven Girelli
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