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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 strongly oppose 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 from services for people with mental illnesses, developmental disabilities and homeless shelters, from people struggling with substance abuse, and victims of domestic violence, among other essential services that meet community needs.

Any tax a nonprofit is required to pay means fewer people will be served. Nonprofits provide services so government does not have to. Paying a tax to government takes away our ability to serve more people. This policy does not make sense, especially at a time when nonprofits are experiencing an increasing demand for services due to the opioid crisis, wait lists for residential services for people with disabilities, and more.

Simply put, this proposal would divert critical resources away from the people 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,

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