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

Dear [recipient's salutation and name],

I strongly oppose Section 1 of S.B. 1137, which would require nonprofits with savings accounts or endowments to pay a 25% tax on property currently exempt from taxes. This bill puts our 150 jobs at risk given that we barely make ends meet each year.

This proposal would take funds from services for people with mental illness, learning disabilities and developmental disabilities, from homeless shelters, from people struggling with substance abuse, victims of domestic violence, among other essential services that serve community needs.

Any tax a nonprofit is required to pay means fewer people will be served and smaller providers may go under. Nonprofits provide services so government does not have to. Paying a tax to government takes away our ability to serve more people and will drive smaller providers out of business, leaving huge service gaps particularly in rural areas. This policy does not make sense, especially at a time when nonprofits are experiencing an increasing demand for services due to decreases in federal funding, the opioid crisis, wait lists for residential services for people with disabilities, and more.

This proposal would also sabotage our relationship with individual and corporate donors who want their contributions to help people, not pay taxes. Nonprofits are already struggling to find and retain new donors given the recent federal changes in tax law.

Simply put, this proposal would divert critical resources away from the people nonprofits serve, your neighbors and constituents! It will hurt the most vulnerable people among us. I urge you to take no action on S.B. 1137!

Sincerely,
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