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**Subject:** I oppose SB1137: taxing nonprofits with savings accounts

Dear [recipient's salutation and name],

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on SB1137, which would require nonprofits with savings accounts or endowments to pay a 25% tax on property currently exempt from taxes.

The Connecticut legislature seems determined this year to tax nonprofits that provide necessary services and programs to our state's residents. That is extraordinarily disappointing and counterproductive.

As anyone who has run or worked in a nonprofit can tell you, organizations need to set aside reserves as a contingency for unpredictable funding sources, such as private grants and government contracts. Cash reserves help smooth out cash flow and ensure that vital programming can continue uninterrupted if a funding source is suddenly lost, a contract payment is late, or an emergency arises. Reserves also help nonprofits gear up to meet new community needs that arise. Auditors constantly advise that a nonprofit have at least three to six months worth of operating expenses set aside in a savings account for this purpose. SB1137's plan to undermine these savings accounts is unconscionable.

Taxing nonprofit savings would destabilize the sector that provides services that the state cannot. It would reduce services for people with developmental disabilities and homeless shelters, from people struggling with substance abuse, victims of domestic violence, and arts and cultural programs, among other essential services that serve community needs.

Please, do not allow SB1137 to advance.

Sincerely,  
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