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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 proposal would take funds from services for people with developmental disabilities and those that struggle, even in a strong employment market, find and retain jobs.

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 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.

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.

Sincerely,
Vickie Volpano
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