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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.

Section 1 of the proposal would divert critical resources away from the people that nonprofits serve. If this proposal passes, it will mean:

- LESS treatment for people with substance abuse disorders
 - LESS housing for people experiencing homelessness
 - LESS support for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities
 - FEWER arts and cultural offerings, and
- MORE philanthropic support and state dollars diverted away from services.

It would also make it significantly harder for nonprofits to pay their hard-working staff salaries that are competitive with the private sector, exacerbating an already critical workforce shortage.

Nonprofits serve the most vulnerable citizens, and contribute to making Connecticut a state with a caring vibrant culture that attracts new residents and businesses. Please do not allow this crippling measure to pass! I urge you to take no action on S.B. 1137 and S.B. 1138 unless this harmful proposal is removed. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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