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Philanthropy Ohio Statement to Ohio Delegation

Philanthropy Ohio, our members and all Ohioans greatly appreciate your support as Congress has addressed the devastating impacts of the coronavirus pandemic: thank you. As we look to the next efforts to get our country back on track, we ask for your help in:

- Supporting nonprofits through expanded access to loans and charitable donation incentives;
- Assuring access to food for millions who are now out of work; and
- Keeping people housed as paychecks disappear.

Ohio philanthropies have created more than 50 funds for emergency and community responses to the COVID-19 crisis, ranging from \$5,700 in the Chillicothe-Ross County region to \$7.1 million in Greater Cleveland. These efforts have allowed over 100 funders to administer grants amounting to more than \$14.8 million to communities all across Ohio allowing those on the front-lines to:

- Provide food access and distribution;
- Support senior citizens;
- Meet mental health and addiction-related needs; and
- Improve our community's health care infrastructure (i.e. health departments, hospitals and federally qualified health centers).

Philanthropies have nimbly stepped in to fill immediate needs of nonprofits helping Ohioans but their resources are a drop in the ocean of what is needed; we call upon the federal government to strengthen its efforts to provide significant funds to get us through the pandemic and its cascading economic effects.

Nonprofits and businesses – especially small ones – are being impacted by COVID-19 and need additional resources. We are grateful that they were included in SBA loan provisions and ask you to set aside \$60 billion, in addition to more PPP dollars, to make sure America's nonprofits can continue their work. A survey of Ohio nonprofits (with over 7,000 responses) detailed the pain points they face:

- 82% are providing services at a reduced capacity or not at all;
- 81% have seen a loss of revenue already;
- 78% have seen a decline in donations; and
- 47% have seen a higher demand for services.

Without significant, additional federal support, how many of Ohio's nonprofits will go out of business, leaving thousands unemployed and needing government assistance? We know from past experience that individual giving

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will fall and take a long time to come back, especially without any tax incentives. After the 2008 recession, we found that Ohio individual giving fell 11%, \$4.67 billion with another 7% drop the following year to \$4.36 billion, with an increase in 2010 to \$5 billion.

Ohio nonprofits employ about 11% of Ohioans, with annual revenues of over \$100 billion: let's make sure they continue to be a strong part of the workforce and economy.

We also ask that you assure that Ohioans can meet their basic needs of food and shelter by:

- Immediately increasing SNAP benefits by 15% per month through the issuance of P-EBT, known as Pandemic SNAP;
- Increasing funding to \$800 million for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP);
- Providing an additional \$5 billion each to the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and the Social Services Block Grant Program funding to states;
- Expanding summer Food Services Programs (SFSP) and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) in impacted areas and waive the SFSP and CACFP requirements for congregate meals;
- Expanding eligibility for school meals to address families whose financial stability is impacted by school closures and potential loss of work; and
- Funding \$11.5 billion in additional Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and \$100 billion in Emergency Rental Assistance.

Philanthropy Ohio and its members stand ready to help in any way we can. Please visit our COVID-19 webpages to stay up to date on what funders are doing and reach out if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,



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