August 3, 2020

The Honorable Rob Portman
448 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Portman,

Philanthropy Ohio, our members and all Ohioans greatly appreciate your continued support and leadership during these unprecedented and uncertain times: thank you. As we look to the debate on the House-passed stimulus relief package being considered in the Senate, 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 still out of work;
- Keeping people housed with rental assistance and extending the moratorium on evictions and mortgage foreclosures; and
- As Ohio’s unemployment rates continues to rise, we ask that you extend the bonus for unemployment benefits.

We fully support the following items and ask for your full support with:

- Increasing funding for rental assistance and expanded SNAP benefits to help assure basic safety nets elements are in place;
- Extending telehealth flexibilities through FY2021;
- Increasing federal funding for Medicaid through the Federal Medicaid Assistance Program (FMAP);
- Allocating significant dollars to support online education of our public K12 schools; and
- Assuring nonprofits are eligible recipients of next round PPP loans.

Philanthropy Ohio and its members stand ready to help in any way we can. Please check out 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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