

Charitable Act Quotes:

"Every day we see the value and benefit of nonprofit work in lifting up people and helping our communities," said **Sheila Bravo, President & CEO of the Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement**. "We support the Universal Giving Pandemic Response and Recovery Act, as this bill provides an important reminder and incentive for Americans to give generously. We thank Senator Coons and his colleagues for their leadership and their ongoing efforts to champion nonprofits who step in to provide relief and support community needs in many different ways."

"Generosity and charitable giving are fundamental parts of the American identity," said **Angela F. Williams, President and CEO of United Way Worldwide**. "United Way Worldwide is proud to support the bipartisan Charitable Act, which will make it easier for Americans to give to the charitable causes they support in a time of historic need. I'm grateful to Senators Lankford and Coons for sponsoring this legislation, and I urge all lawmakers to support this important effort."

"Given the realities of today's economy, the most vulnerable among our communities are relying on the vital work of nonprofit organizations more than ever. By expanding charitable giving for all Americans, this much needed legislation ensures nonprofits have the necessary resources to meet the growing needs of the local communities they serve all across the country. We appreciate the efforts of Senators Lankford and Coons to introduce this important piece of legislation during a critical time for the charitable sector." - **Eileen Heisman, CEO of National Philanthropic Trust**

"The need for more charitable giving is not going away. From national disasters to social problems to economic hardship, America is facing unprecedented challenges that nonprofit services can help to address. The bipartisan Charitable Act signals Congress' recognition of the importance of restoring and expanding a charitable deduction for all taxpayers, driving more donations to organizations when they need it most. The Charitable Giving Coalition thanks Senator Coons and his colleagues for introducing the Charitable Act, and we urge Congress to enact this important legislation as soon as possible." - **Brian Flahaven, Chair, Charitable Giving Coalition**.

"We applaud Senator Chris Coons for his leadership in introducing the bipartisan Charitable Act, legislation that will encourage all taxpayers, regardless of income, to make charitable donations to schools, colleges, and universities across the country. When donors give more, educational institutions can offer greater opportunity and access to students who will be our future leaders; conduct life transforming and saving research that benefits us all; and enhance society through public service programs and community engagement. We strongly support the Charitable Act and look forward to working with lawmakers to seek its passage." - **Sue Cunningham, President and CEO, Council for Advancement and Support of Education**

"Our country is stronger when everyone can support the charitable organizations that work tirelessly to improve and enrich our communities. The renewal and expansion of the universal charitable deduction for non-itemizing taxpayers through the Charitable Act would encourage philanthropic minded individuals nationwide, regardless of income, to give to charity. The American Heart Association greatly appreciates Senators Coons' and Lankford's leadership and commitment to America's charitable community and urges the Senate to move the bill forward quickly." – **Mark Schoeberl, Executive Vice President, Advocacy, American Heart Association**

“We welcome The Charitable Act because it would expand tax incentives for Americans to donate to charities and all nonprofits. This legislation would help strengthen our nation’s communities and increase the number of donors,” **said Dr. Akilah Watkins, President and CEO of Independent Sector.**

“Research we’ve released shows that such a proposal could generate over \$17 billion in additional charitable contributions each year, if made permanent. Expanded giving incentives for all Americans, regardless of income, would create a fairer system, better enabling charities and all nonprofits to make the communities we serve, stronger, healthier, and more equitable.”

“According to data compiled by AFP’s Fundraising Effectiveness Project, the number of small donations went up in 2020 and 2021 after Congress enacted a universal charitable deduction but then small-gift donors collapsed in 2022 after the temporary universal charitable deduction was not renewed,” **noted Mike Geiger, President and CEO of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.** “On behalf of our more than 27,000 fundraising professional members that raise more than \$100 billion annually for charities, we thank U.S. Senators James Lankford and Chris Coons for their leadership in championing the Charitable Act to restore this proven giving incentive.”