



April 20, 2020

Senator Rick Scott
716 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Rubio
284 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Rubio & Senator Scott,

Like most other parts of our economy, Florida's nonprofit sector – which provides about 5% of private sector jobs in our state – continues to struggle in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES Act includes significant relief for charitable organizations by including nonprofits in the emergency loan programs, extending unemployment benefits to many nonprofit employees, and providing a small tax incentive for charitable giving. Nonprofits are appreciative of this relief.

During the past two weeks, the Florida Nonprofit Alliance and our partners at the national level have heard from many nonprofits about several modifications to provisions in the CARES Act that would help nonprofit organizations recover from the economic challenges stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. A unified group of major national organizations has put together a set of recommendations for modifications to the CARES Act that will help preserve nonprofits' ability to provide essential services at this time of greatest need. FNA fully supports these recommendations, and we seek your assistance in ensuring that they are included in the fourth COVID-19 stimulus bill that Congress passes.

FNA, including the organizations who have joined us in signing this letter and are included below, seeks your assistance in ensuring the following is included in the next phase of the CARES Act:

1. Expanding nonprofits' access to credit to provide for immediate financial relief by expanding nonprofit eligibility for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and by establishing a dedicated funding stream for PPP loans to nonprofit organizations.
2. Strengthening temporary above-the-line charitable deduction from the CARES Act by allowing taxpayers to use it on the 2019 taxes, significantly increasing the \$300 cap, and extending it beyond 2020.
3. Holding harmless self-insured nonprofits by providing funding to cover 100% of the costs of these organizations' unemployment claims. Without this change, many nonprofits that provide health care, food assistance, affordable housing, childcare, and other critical services will have to end or curtail services later this year.
4. Increase emergency funding so that nonprofits can work with state and local governments to provide essential services to vulnerable families and frontline responders to the COVID-19 crisis.

Thank you for your continued leadership during this crisis. The CARES Act was an important first step in helping nonprofits recover from the COVID-19 crisis. We hope you and your colleagues in Congress can make these important modifications to help nonprofits continue to provide essential services in our communities.

Please feel free to reach out to me to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

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American Heart Association
American Lung Association in Florida
Arcadia-DeSoto County Habitat for Humanity
Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center
AYUDA, Inc.
Babycycle Diaper Bank
Barnabas Center Branches, Inc.
Brevard Family Partnership
CareerSource Central Florida
Chaplain Ministry Renovando
Children's Home Society of Florida
Church Street District
Coalition of South Florida Muslim Organizations
Covenant Homeless Family Shelter
Covenant House Florida
Crazy Rescue Ladies Inc.
Easterseals NE Central FL
Edyth Bush Institute for Philanthropy & Nonprofit Leadership
Epilepsy Association
Family Foundations of Northeast Florida, Inc.
Florida Coalition to End Homelessness
Florida YMCA State Alliance & Foundation
Gabriel House of Care
Gilda's Club South Florida
Girls Inc. of Bay County
Girls Inc. of Pinellas
Girls Inc. of Jacksonville
Girls Inc. of Sarasota County

Girls Inc. of Lakeland
Girls Inc. of Winter Haven
Goodwill Industries Big Bend Inc.
Habitat for Humanity of Florida Inc.
Hart Felt Ministries
Heart of Florida United Way
Hebrew Academy Miami Beach
Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach
Hope and Help Center of Central Florida, Inc.
Horse Tales Farm, Inc.
Humane Society of the Treasure Coast, Inc.
Islamic School of Miami
Jacksonville Urban League,
Center for Advocacy and Social Justice
Jewish Community Relations Council of Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County
Jewish Community Relations Council of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation
Jewish Community Services of South Florida
Jewish Museum of Florida - FIU
Joyful Music Therapy Foundation
Junior League of Tampa Diaper Bank
Kids Cancer Foundation
Legal Aid Foundation of Tallahassee
Literacy Alliance of Northeast Florida, Inc.
Manna Project International
Melbourne Civic Theatre

Miami Diaper Bank
Muslim Communities Association
Muslim Communities Association of South Florida
NAACP Miami Dade Branch
NEFL Regional STEM2 Hub, Inc.
New Hope Education and Addiction Services
Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida
North Florida Land Trust
Orlando Day Nursery
Pine Castle, Inc.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Spirit Love and Kindness for Children Families in Need Inc
tag! Children's Museum
Temple Beth Am
Temple Beth Sholom
Temple Emanu-El of Greater Miami
The Cotton Bottom Diaper Bank
The DONNA Foundation
The Florida Recovery School
The Winter Park Playhouse
Theatre Jacksonville
United Partners for Human Services
United Way of Florida
Vision Is Priceless Council, Inc.
We Care Jacksonville, Inc.
Women's Center of Jacksonville
Yoga 4 Change