April 20, 2020

The Honorable Henry McMaster  
Governor of South Carolina  
SC State House  
1100 Gervais Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor McMaster:

Frontline insights and real-time solutions.

That’s what is needed to plan for an effective transition back from the Covid-19 Pandemic. Nonprofit leaders have such insight.  

*Together SC strongly urges you to include nonprofit and philanthropic leaders on the Accelerate SC Task Force. We stand ready to recommend visionary leaders who will make sure the Task Force succeeds.*

Over the past few weeks, our leaders have been diligently delivering food and other critical resources, rapidly moving community services online, and engaging our citizens in raising private funds and safely volunteering.

Many are integral partners with state agencies like DHHS, DSS, DEW and DHEC and will provide critical recovery services. Remember, nonprofits also provide substantial economic impact, employing over 90,000 of our citizens.

In partnership with our Advocacy Allies listed below, and thousands of other operating charitable nonprofits, local United Ways and corporate, private and community foundations that Together SC serves and represent, we ask you to ensure that nonprofit organizations have a seat at the Accelerate SC table.

SC’s nonprofits are a trusted communications pipeline for many of our state’s most vulnerable citizens and we are solely focused on making communities stronger. In the toughest times, we do some of the toughest work.

And, we measure success in terms of shared benefits.

To weather the worst and rebuild, we need this kind of community-minded perspective. It is our great state’s way to come together – in
good and bad times – to support one another and make sure South Carolinians are safe and thriving.

We look forward to working with you as part of Accelerate SC to plan a recovery that benefits all our residents.

Thank you for your leadership in the challenging weeks ahead.

Your Ally for Good,

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