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**FOUNDATIONS TO CONGRESS: SUPPORTING PHILANTHROPY BENEFITS LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

***[INSERT ORGANIZATION] Joins Philanthropy Week in Washington to Educate Lawmakers About the Sector’s Social and Economic Impact***

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Elected officials met with more than 150 philanthropic leaders from organizations across the country to learn about the benefits that private investment in public good delivers in their communities during Philanthropy Week in Washington, April 11-15. **[INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME AND HYPERLINK HERE]** participated in this week-long series of events hosted by the Council on Foundations to share its story of **[INSERT CONCISE DESCRPTION OF ORGANIZATION’S WORK]** and speak to its apprehensions about federal policies.

“Today’s challenges require a steady stream of innovative ideas and the ability to act swiftly to implement solutions. The philanthropic sector has continuously filled this role,” said **[INSERT NAME/TITLE/ORGANIZATION]**. “If lawmakers chip away at incentives that encourage giving, some of our most vulnerable communities will pay a profound price.”

**[PARTICPANT NAME]** raised tax policy as a major concern when speaking with elected officials. While some recent federal tax proposals could certainly enhance the work of foundations and grantees, **[ORGANIZATION NAME]** identified modifications that would undermine an individual’s ability or motivation to give. This could inadvertently harm the very projects and services that foundations and elected leaders want to support.

“Public policy should support philanthropy, not threaten the positive results of charitable giving. It is more important now than ever to stand united, which is why foundations came together in Washington,” said Vikki Spruill, President and CEO of the Council on Foundations. “They demonstrated their commitment to working with Congress to ensure that the goals we all share to build strong communities and a thriving economy are within reach today and endure for the next generation.”

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