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What’s Happening in Washington?

Current Lay of the Land

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Lay of the Land

• Elections are top of mind right now
  • We are not likely to see much legislative movement over the next couple of months

• But, tax reform is on the horizon!
  • Speaker Ryan’s Tax Reform Blueprint
  • Chairman Hatch’s forthcoming corporate integration plan
  • Tax reform in Republican and Democratic party platforms
What is the Council Doing?

Republican & Democratic
National Conventions

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**ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF FOUNDATIONS TO LEVERAGE ENDOWMENTS STRATEGICALLY**

Philanthropic endowments allow foundations to operate with a long-term focus in addressing difficult social issues.

*Policymakers should acknowledge the importance of philanthropic endowments and recognize that these endowments are critical to sustain our communities.*

**FORTIFY TAX POLICY TO ALLOW PHILANTHROPY TO FLOURISH**

Thoughtfully crafted tax policy is critical to keep pace with a vibrant and dynamic philanthropic sector, and ensure the ability of philanthropic organizations to fulfill their missions in support of the common good.

*As Congress considers tax reform, lawmakers should ensure the most positive environment for foundations, philanthropic giving vehicles, and individual giving incentives.*

**ASSURE PHILANTHROPY IS A KEY STAKEHOLDER IN FEDERAL POLICYMAKING**

Our nation benefits from the collaboration between government and the philanthropic sector.

*We urge policymakers to create a climate in which continuing engagement with philanthropic organizations is integrated into federal operating practices.*

**SUPPORT THE EVOLUTION OF AMERICAN PHILANTHROPY**

Throughout our nation’s rich history, the philanthropic sector has demonstrated its resilience in responding to both community needs and national crises.

*Policymakers should celebrate philanthropy’s history, support the giving trends of today, and enable philanthropy to flourish in the future.*

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The Council’s Advocacy Toolkit

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ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

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The Advocacy Toolkit is designed to be a central resource for Council members and others engaged in the philanthropic space to learn about why it is important—now more than ever—for philanthropy to have a voice in policy, how to effectively use advocacy and lobbying to advance your mission, what the most critical or priority “asks” are for the sector at any given time, and to better understand the key policy issues that are top-of-mind for our sector.

WHY ENGAGE?
Learn why it’s important for you to engage on behalf of the philanthropic sector.
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HOW TO
Get all the information you need to successfully engage with your lawmakers.
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