Supporters of the Charitable Deduction

This list provides the members of Congress who support maintaining full value of the charitable deduction. This list does not take into account anecdotal support.

The following Senators signed the Thune/Wyden letter supporting the charitable deduction.

Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)  Ed Markay (D-MA)  Mark Kirk (R-IL)
Barbara Boxer (D-CA)  Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)  Mark Udall (D-CO)
Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)  James Inhofe (R-OK)  Mazie Hirono (D-HI)
Bill Nelson (D-FL)  Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)  Pat Roberts (R-KS)
Brian Schatz (D-HI)  Jerry Moran (R-KS)  Roger Wicker (R-MS)
Carl Levin (D-MI)  Jim Risch (R-ID)  Ron Wyden (D-OR)
Chuck Schumer (D-NY)  John Boozman (R-AR)  Roy Blunt (D-MO)
Dan Coats (R-IN)  John Hoeven (R-ND)  Susan Collins (R-ME)
David Vitter (R-LA)  John Thune (R-SD)  Thad Cochran (R-MS)
Dean Heller (R-NV)  Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)  Tim Johnson (D-SD)
Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)  Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)  Tim Scott (R-SC)

The following Senators included the charitable deduction in their “Blank Slate” letter with Chairman Baucus and Ranking Member Hatch. These members may not support the full value of the charitable deduction, but recognize the importance of protecting it in the tax code.

Bob Casey (D-PA)  Mark Begich (D-AK)
Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)  Chris Coons (D-DE)

The following Representatives co-sponsored H.R. 1479 in 2013. This bill would have exempted the charitable deduction from the limitation on itemized deduction based on taxpayers AGI (i.e. The Pease provision). Representatives Sensenbrenner and Matheson were the main sponsors.

Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI-5)  Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ-11)  C.W. Bill Young (R-FL-13)
Jim Matheson (R-UT-4)  Ted Poe (R-TX-2)  James Lankford (R-OK-5)
Thomas Petri (R-WI-6)  Don Young (R-AK-At Large)  Bob Goodlatte (R-VA-6)
Michael Burgess (R-TX-26)  Matt Salmon (R-AZ-5)  Pete Sessions (R-TX-32)
Gregg Harper (R-MS-3)  Michael Grimm (R-NY-11)  Kevin Cramer (R-ND-At Large)
Joe Barton (R-TX-6)