Dear Colleague:

We invite you to join the bipartisan Congressional Philanthropy Caucus, which provides a key forum for discussing issues relating to the critical work of philanthropy.

The Philanthropy Caucus is a forum for Members and staff to learn about the rapidly changing philanthropic sector and to keep abreast of the innovative solutions that are being implemented in our communities. The Caucus also provides a space for exchanging ideas intended to improve the sector's effectiveness, so that nonprofits and foundations can continue to explore new ways to improve the quality of life across our country.

Throughout our history, philanthropy has been essential in addressing the needs of our communities, and permitting us to cope with our greatest challenges. Many of the most important advances in American life, such as educational reform, public health systems, public libraries and even the white lines painted on the sides of our roads, to name just a few, began as philanthropic investments.

Philanthropy benefits every aspect of the life of cities, towns, and rural areas across our country, and philanthropic organizations often are the first place our neighbors turn when in need of help. In these challenging economic times, foundations, and the charities which they support, are leading the way in developing creative local solutions to some of the most pressing problems affecting our communities.

As co-chairs of the Caucus, we hope you will join this bipartisan effort to support the long tradition of good works by the philanthropic sector. To join the Caucus or for more information, please contact Michael Hess in Mr. Tiberi’s office at Michael.Hess@mail.house.gov or x5-5355 or Jamila Thompson in Mr. Lewis' office at jamila.thompson@mail.house.gov or x5-3801.

Sincerely,

/s
Pat Tiberi
Member of Congress

/s
John Lewis
Member of Congress