***Philanthropy Week in Washington***, now in its third year, is a week-long series of events and activities that highlights the role of philanthropy in our society, hosted by the **Council on Foundations**.

This year, we shine a spotlight on American philanthropy’s critical role as a unique stakeholder in collective efforts to address some of today’s toughest challenges. Working with government, business, civic leaders and nonprofits, philanthropy can be a dynamic partner that leverages its resources and leadership for the common good.

***Philanthropy Week*** is a channel to raise philanthropy’s voices to members of Congress, federal policymakers, and other Washington influencers, and remind them of what philanthropy and government can accomplish together.

Throughout the week, philanthropic leaders come together from across the country in Washington D.C. to discuss the role and impact of philanthropy and to meet with their Congressional delegations in the centerpiece event of ***Philanthropy Week***, **Foundations on the Hill (FOTH)**. FOTH is hosted by the **Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers** in collaboration with the **Council on Foundations**.

The **Council on Foundation’s** 2016 Annual Conference theme – **The Future of Community: Identity. Purpose. Place.** – provides a timely and resonant backdrop for ***Philanthropy Week*** activities.

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Together, we’ll continue to demonstrate how American philanthropy continues to be a critical leader, partner, and catalyst.

PHILANTHROPY WEEK “ASKS”

**Please support [BILL NAME/#] to expand and enhance the IRA Charitable Rollover and simplify the Private Foundation Excise Tax.** Making the IRA Charitable Rollover available to more donors and additional giving vehicles like donor advised funds would increase charitable investment in communities. Simplifying the complex, 2-tiered tax excise would free up resources currently spent on tax compliance for charitable causes.

**Would you join the Congressional Philanthropy Caucus?** The Caucus aims to educate Members of Congress about the vital role of American philanthropy in communities across the country, and we’d value your support.

**Please support [NAME OF RESOLUTION].** The resolution lifts up Philanthropy Week as a valuable opportunity to acknowledge the charitable work of all different types of foundations and their important purpose in American society.