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**Foundation to Congress: American Giving Advances Lives and Improves Communities**

*Foundation Leaders Inform Lawmakers about Effects of Tax Policy on Philanthropy*

[CITY, STATE] — Today, [INSERT NAME/ORGANIZATION] joined over two hundred foundation leaders from across the country in Washington, D.C. for *Philanthropy Week in Washington*. Foundation leaders met with Congressional delegations through *Foundations on the Hill*, representatives from Federal agencies, and White House officials to highlight the vital impact of philanthropy for communities they serve in districts and states across America.

“Philanthropy has a distinguished history of addressing some of the world’s toughest challenges. Tax policy decisions made in Washington, however, can either enhance or constrain the ability of our organizations to address the problems of today and tomorrow,” said [INSERT NAME, TITLE, and ORGANIZATION]. “We encourage Congress to pursue policy changes that let philanthropy continue to create jobs, spur innovation, and support the vulnerable in our community.”

Foundations are also here in D.C. to talk to policymakers about how specific tax code provisions impact their work. The two-tiered private foundation excise tax is overcomplicated, and foundation leaders ask Congress to simplify it to a flat rate that would let foundations spend more time on grantmaking and less on accounting. The charitable deduction is a lifeline for charitable organizations and communities they serve, and foundations urge Congress to preserve its full value. Foundations also ask lawmakers to make the IRA charitable rollover permanent law to give certainty to generous Americans and charitable organizations. They are also educating policymakers about the value of donor advised funds to the communities they serve.

[INSERT ORGANIZATIONS’ NAME] is working with foundations and other charitable organizations throughout the country to make sure all lawmakers clearly understand how philanthropy is taking a leadership role in providing a path of opportunity for their constituents across the country.

Right here in [INSERT LOCAL EXMAPLE (75-100 words) OF YOUR ORGANIZATION AT WORK – A PROGRAM OR SERVICE YOU SUPPORT. INSERT A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT THE PROGRAM DOES TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES AND TRANSFORM LIVES, WHO AND HOW MANY PEOPLE IT SERVES AND THE RESULTS IT HAS ACHIEVED.]

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