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Mr. Richard Blumenthal
724 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Proposed IRS Form 1023-EZ

Dear Senator Blumenthal:

The Connecticut Council of Philanthropy and the Connecticut Association of Nonprofits, as organizations that support and represent Connecticut's nonprofit sector, want to express our deep concern about the proposed IRS Form 1023-EZ and request an opportunity for input from Connecticut's nonprofit and philanthropic communities.

We understand that the IRS received comments from stakeholders in April. Both the National Council of Nonprofits and the National Association of State Charity Officials submitted written opinions stating their lack of support for Form 1023-EZ and making recommendations for improving the IRS process to ensure accountability and transparency. **We believe that additional discussion about the potential for abuse of the system is necessary.**

We deeply appreciate your longstanding support and respect for the nonprofit sector and ask that you exercise your oversight responsibility to prevent the IRS from approving the proposed Form 1023-EZ until such time as Connecticut's nonprofit and philanthropic communities are able to provide meaningful input. Our organizations stand ready to participate.

Sincerely,



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President
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