

I have spent over 25 years working for non-profits across this great state, from OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital Foundation, to Asante and Southern Oregon University. Then I consulted statewide for 12 years with dozens of nonprofits. You might think that limiting the charitable tax deduction won't affect those who are genuinely altruistic, but I assert that there have been plenty of studies done that indeed it will hamper and curtail giving.

For the third sector to continue to serve our communities, they need more support – not less. We need more incentives, not obstacles. Please look elsewhere besides the backs of charities who are already struggling mightily to recover or stay afloat.

Our organization just became the second charity located outside of Japan to be granted non-profit status in that country so that gifts from Japanese citizens can be encouraged to support our cultural, educational and tourism magnet here in the Pacific Northwest and be tax deductible. They are progressing – and we propose regressing?

Please take this out of your legislative efforts! Thank you for your consideration.

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