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April 2, 2020

The Honorable Mike DeWine
Governor of the State of Ohio
77 S. High Street, 30th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor DeWine,

Thank you for your strong leadership in the midst of this unparalleled crisis. Your dedication to keeping Ohioans safe and communities strong has set the standard for leaders across the nation. We support the actions that you have taken to protect the health and well-being of residents.

Just as individuals and businesses are struggling as a result of required closures, Ohio's nonprofit community is concerned for the viability of our organizations at the end of this crisis. **We ask that action be taken to provide relief for organizations that self-insure for unemployment compensation similar to what has been offered for employers in the state unemployment system.**

Most nonprofits do not retain earnings from year to year to draw on in critical times such as this. Many of our organizations are self-insured, also referred to as reimbursing employers, for unemployment compensation, meaning that when our employees claim unemployment benefits, the state pays those benefits and then seeks reimbursement from our organization. While the CARES Act provides 50% relief for reimbursing employers, additional support is needed similar to what has been provided to for profit entities.

We ask the state to temporarily eliminate, freeze, or provide favorable terms for nonprofits if they must reimburse the state for unemployment compensation during this emergency and request that the state does not penalize self-insured organizations for late payments or reports. Please act immediately, as other states have done (Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Montana and New Hampshire), to protect and hold harmless self-insured charitable organizations.

The interruption caused by full or partial closure of our retail stores, manufacturing facilities, vocational rehabilitation sites, shelters and service centers impacts our ability to continue to generate funds during the crisis. **We ask that you also consider a relief package consisting of grants to assist nonprofit agencies with bridging critical cash flow needs during this time.**

Our agencies provide vital services at little or no cost to individuals in Ohio. These services are needed during the crisis and once we are on the other side of this. Please ensure that any assistance provided to employers also benefit nonprofit employers, either through grants or by making the tax mechanism relate to the taxes nonprofit pay, such as payroll taxes.

In spite of these challenging times we are committed to our missions and hope you will join us in finding a solution. We would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about the unique challenges faced by Ohio's nonprofits. Thank you for your consideration of these requests.