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Members and associates,

Another week has gone by. We are in the House tax bill that was released Wednesday. Their plan for us is to let us deduct 6% of our donations. The MN DOR puts that at \$2 million in relief for us per year, when the actual number is below \$1 million. For a charity that was able to donate \$10,000 per month, \$600 would be not taxed for a savings of \$200 for the average charity. The average MN charity would receive \$833.33 in relief on taxes of \$50,000 for an overall reduction of 1.6%. The Senate bill should be out in the next few days. We are withholding comment until the Senate bill is out, but we are thankful that we are in the House bill. The spending targets for the Governor, House and Senate are far apart. Much will need to be done before a bill will be signed by the Governor.

We had our legislative reception on Monday and the turnout was much better than last year. Thanks to Senators Pratt, Weber, Tomassoni, Senjem and Hall along with Representatives Marquart, Ecklund, Nornes and Urdaahl for stopping by to show their support. It was greatly appreciated.

The Vikings and the NFL are being recognized by the media for the donations that they are making throughout Minnesota leading up to the Super Bowl. They are donating \$450,000. They should be thanked and recognized for giving back to the state that they call home. By contrast our 1200 organizations throughout the entire state give that much away every three days all year. We

have always been lacking in blowing our own horn. [See the link to the Backus American Legion](#) and [the report that they give to their members and community annually.](#)

There have been rumors circulating about our bill that are not true. Attached with this message is a [myth vs. fact versus piece](#) that spells out what our bill does and does not do. Our bill benefits all charities and unless you donate money you will not receive any tax benefit. It is just that simple.

Keep contacting your legislators to stress to them the importance of tax relief for your organization. This is not going to be over until the ink is dry on a tax bill signed by the Governor. Never give up; we are getting people to listen to us

Regards,
Al Lund

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Bipartisan members of both the House and the Senate have voiced support for the Community Vitality Investment Act, but they need to hear from YOU. Here are three ways you can support tax relief for local charities:

1. **CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS** -- Find out who represents you and how to contact them [here](#). If you're not sure what to say, read some tips on contacting your legislators [here](#).
2. **LINK TO US ON YOUR WEBSITE** -- Ask your web manager to include a link to the Community Vitality Investment Act page on the ACM website. Your members will have easy access to the latest news on the bill. Here's the link: www.alliedcharitiesmn.org/Community-Vitality-Investment-Act
3. **FOLLOW US!** -- Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and make sure to share our posts with your networks! Use #CVIA to make sure we see your

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CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR!

Your voice matters--find out who
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support the Community Vitality
Investment Act.



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