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Members and associates,

Minnesota state senators turned their backs on us and the communities we serve. We made the case for tax relief - some 200 of our members are paying MORE in state taxes than they are able to contribute to their missions - but the state Senate failed us by not including relief for charitable gaming in its version of the tax bill. The good news is that tax relief for charitable gaming is included in the House of Representatives' version of the tax bill, so we have a stake in the ground.

Every member of ACM needs to double their efforts. Charitable gaming shouldn't take a back seat to **ANY** competing priority. You are the ones investing in building stronger communities, yet so much of what you do is being siphoned off to the pay for U.S. Bank Stadium. Charitable gaming will be part of stadium financing, and we accept that. But we are being taxed at rates that go far beyond what is needed for the stadium. That's not right.

Following is a video. It's short -- only about 1 1/2 minutes. Please watch it and contact your legislators.



Here's a link to the video you can copy and share: tinyurl.com/ACM-Video

What else can you do with the video? We want to reach as many people as possible and the best way to do that is for you to share with your networks. Here are some tips to get the word out:

- **Post it to your websites** -- Ask your web manager to feature the video on your page. You can use this shortened link: tinyurl.com/ACM-Video
- **Share, share, share!** -- How do you stay in touch with your partners? Newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, email? Whatever it is, include a link to the video to get the word out.
- **Be Personal** -- The Community Vitality Investment Act means more dollars in your community. We know it's important to you, make sure your beneficiaries, bars and vendors do too. Be direct and ask them to share the video because it's important.
- **Follow us!** -- We'll share this video again on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Share our post to easily reach your friends and family.

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 posts.

REMINDER:

Please add alliedcharitiesmn@gmail.com to your contact list so we don't get caught in your spam folder!



CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR!

Your voice matters--find out who represents you [here](#) and ask them to support the Community Vitality Investment Act.



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