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State Senate President Pro Tempore

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Speaker of the House

Hon. Robert Duff  
Senate Majority Leader

Hon. Matthew Ritter  
House Majority Leader

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Senate Republican Leader

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House Republican Leader

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Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Legislative Leaders:

Please consider the needs of Connecticut's community nonprofits as you consider financial relief legislation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nonprofits are on the front lines of the pandemic. They are continuing to meet their missions and provide essential services to the half a million residents who rely on them.

As nonprofits increasingly incur losses associated with their response to the coronavirus, it is important that the state provide funding necessary to keep them financially whole. Inadequate state support could severely damage the state's networks of care and leave thousands of people without essential services for the foreseeable future.

After more than a decade of stagnant or reduced funding, community nonprofits find themselves with little financial cushion for dealing with emergencies such as the one we face today.

**We urge you to provide a relief package that:**

1. makes a **long-term, sustained funding commitment** to support community nonprofits and the people they serve;
2. **continues, during this crisis, to pay community nonprofits consistent with normal levels of funding**, even if services are disrupted, and
3. allows providers to retain revenue from their programs at the end of the fiscal year, eliminating cost settlements and claw-backs, and allows for as much flexibility as possible with state funds to ensure providers remain in business.

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Community nonprofits are partners with the state, delivering critical services to Connecticut residents on behalf of government. State support is necessary to ensure that nonprofits continue to be able to give the people of Connecticut the services they need.

Thank you for your consideration during this difficult period.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO

CC: Senator Cathy Osten  
Rep. Toni Walker  
Senator Paul Formica  
Rep. Gail Lavielle