Dear [Insert name of your Senator]

We applaud your work and leadership during these difficult times, and greatly appreciate your efforts on behalf of all employers. However, we need to ask for your assistance in making those requests into law so that nonprofits can continue to fulfill their mission of service to those in need during this difficult time. Nonprofits serve vulnerable communities across the country that have been heavily impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

The CARES ACT provides many protections for employers, however, reimbursing nonprofits have only been provided with support for half (50%) of the unemployment claims costs incurred during this Pandemic, which will force either significant cutbacks in services provided or the out and out closure of thousands of these vital organizations around the Country.

Since 1972 when nonprofit organizations were required to provide unemployment benefits to their employees for the first time, 501c3 charitable nonprofits were given the option to opt out of the State Unemployment Tax (SUI) system. This option allowed for nonprofits to better utilize their limited resources to better serve their communities. That decision was made based on the nonprofits’ own employment and budgetary circumstances and practical risk assessments. Being closed by our government in response to a devastating pandemic was not a consideration.

Today it is estimated that 50% of nonprofit organizations nationally utilize this option but they make up 75% of the nonprofit workforce. If action is not taken in the next stimulus bill, this will greatly and adversely impact not only those losing their jobs permanently, but damage the community as a whole, public assistance programs and those most in need of our help. This issue is not just about saving jobs and businesses, it is about saving vital social services. Our communities desperately need your support.

Please review the documents attached for further details about the need for this relief, the devastating impact it will have on the nonprofit community and the unfair burden being placed on the nonprofit reimbursing employers in our nation.

For questions and more information, please contact: [Insert contact information]