



United Way  
of Metro Chicago

# ADVOCACY ALERT

**Dear Friends,**

I'm writing today with an urgent plea for you to raise your voice and tell our Senators to fight for charities by making the charitable deduction available to ALL taxpayers, regardless if they itemize.

The current tax reform proposals would result in 28 million people losing their tax incentive to give to charities. **In Illinois, it is estimated that if the proposed tax reform plan passes in its current iteration, the reduction in charitable giving will reach more than \$400 million a year**, damaging the ability of local nonprofits to support communities in our own backyard.

Nonprofit organizations are a part of every American's life, and we should ensure they are not an unintended casualty in the effort to reform the tax system. Now is the time to tell Senator Duckworth and Senator Durbin that we must fight to expand the charitable deduction to all taxpayers in order to preserve essential services provided by nonprofits.

Thank you.

Wendy DuBoe

**JOIN THE FIGHT**