

The Honorable [Name]  
[Office Address]  
United States Congress  
Washington, DC

Dear [Representative/Senator] [Last Name]:

I am writing to ask you to vote against Section 112209 from the tax reconciliation package, recently approved by the House Ways and Means Committee, that would allow the federal government to revoke the tax-exempt status of nonprofits it deems to be “terrorist supporting organizations.”

This provision—due to its vague and overly broad language—poses a significant threat to the foundational principles of the nonprofit sector, and by extension, to the civic and democratic health of our nation. The federal government already possesses adequate authority through the President and the Department of the Treasury to address threats posed by terrorists and those who support them.

As a supporter of the Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies( ICJS), I believe it is important that we support organizations that promote a pluralistic society—one that requires the robust participation of diverse religious and civic voices. Like many nonprofits across the country, ICJS relies on the integrity of the 501(c)(3) designation to conduct its educational and community work free from political interference. This proposed authority, if enacted, could be misused to target organizations whose perspectives, partnerships, or advocacy do not align with those in power—even if those activities are lawful and protected by the First Amendment.

Furthermore, embedding this provision within a larger tax package moving through the budget reconciliation process sidesteps essential bipartisan debate and scrutiny. Such a consequential change to nonprofit law deserves open deliberation, clear definitions, and robust safeguards against abuse.

The consequences of this legislation are far-reaching. It could chill civic participation, especially among communities already subject to discrimination and surveillance. It could deter religious and interreligious organizations from forming the kinds of partnerships that foster peace, understanding, and social cohesion. And it could undermine the credibility and independence of the entire nonprofit sector.

I urge you to oppose this provision and to ensure that any effort to address national security threats does not come at the expense of civil liberties, nonprofit integrity, and democratic accountability. I also ask that you advocate for language that clearly defines the scope of government authority and includes strong protections against politically motivated targeting of nonprofit organizations.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,