



April 21, 2009

The Honorable Byron Dorgan  
United States Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Olympia Snowe  
United States Senate  
154 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Dorgan and Snowe:

On behalf of the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning (formerly the National Committee on Planned Giving), I write to thank you for reintroducing the Public Good IRA Rollover Act. We appreciate your efforts to help our nation's charities during this period of economic turmoil.

The Public Good IRA Rollover Act would make permanent and expand the IRA Charitable Rollover enacted in 2006 and extended at the end of last year. As you well know, the IRA Charitable Rollover has already generated a significant amount of *new* charitable giving by eliminating the barrier in the tax law that had discouraged transfers from individual retirement accounts to charities. These gifts are helping organizations in every state build cancer centers, develop programs for counseling at-risk youth, support housing for homeless families, conserve wilderness areas, help disadvantaged students attend college, and provide therapy for people with disabilities.

We are pleased that your legislation would expand the current law IRA Charitable Rollover by allowing for qualified charitable distributions to life-income gifts, including charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts and pooled income funds. We are also delighted your legislation would permit distributions from IRA accounts to donor-advised funds, supporting organizations, and private foundations. These important provisions will offer increased options for charitable giving, allowing an entire generation of generous Americans to continue providing for others even in these challenging economic times.

Again, thank you for reintroducing the Public Good IRA Rollover Act. We look forward to working with your office to ensure it is signed into law soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Howe Johnson', written in a cursive style.

Tanya Howe Johnson  
President and CEO