

Advocacy Toolkit: Oppose H.R. 9495

This toolkit is designed to help nonprofit advocates mobilize their networks to oppose H.R. 9495, which threatens the nonprofit sector's ability to serve communities fairly and effectively. It is scheduled for a vote in the House of Representatives this week.

<u>Learn more with the joint statement from Council on Foundations, Independent Sector, National Council of Nonprofits, and United Philanthropy Forum.</u>

Key points:

- H.R. 9495 may be well-intentioned but would hurt nonprofits: Stopping bad actors from using nonprofits to fund terrorism is a critical public policy goal, but this legislation creates redundancies, confusion, and potential for abuse.
- H.R. 9495 erodes due process: Section 4 allows the Treasury Secretary to designate nonprofits as "terrorist supporting organizations" without full transparency. Accused organizations are given only 90 days to prove their innocence, undermining constitutional protections.
- H.R. 9495 threatens nonprofits' reputation and operations: Even if an organization successfully contests the designation, the damage to its reputation, donor trust, and access to financial services could be irreparable.
- **H.R. 9495 harms vulnerable communities:** Nonprofits providing humanitarian aid in conflict zones could lose tax-exempt status, putting critical assistance at risk.

Call to Action

Make your voice heard!

- Call Your Representative: Click here to learn more
- Social Media Engagement: Post on your platforms and tag your Representative to urge them to oppose H.R.6408.
 - General Post:
 - ACTION NEEDED As a constituent of [@RepresentativesSocialMedia] and a staunch supporter of the nonprofit sector, I urge you to vote NO on H.R. 9495. This bill may be well-intentioned but it erodes due process and jeopardizes vital services for vulnerable communities.
 - Short Version:

Nonprofits are critical to our communities. H.R. 9495 threatens due process and risks harming those we serve. [@RepresentativesSocialMedia], vote NO on #HR9495. #ProtectNonprofits