



MINNESOTA COUNCIL  
ON FOUNDATIONS

*Minnesota's  
vibrant philanthropic  
community working  
collectively to advance  
prosperity and equity.*

*Philanthropy and charitable giving is a Minnesota priority. The Minnesota Council on Foundations (MCF) connects and strengthens our state's vibrant philanthropic community. MCF is the membership association for more than 150 grantmakers in Minnesota, including community foundations, family foundations, private independent foundations, and corporate foundations and giving programs.*

*MCF serves as a collective voice for Minnesota philanthropy, working toward two public policy goals:*

- 1) Expanding philanthropy, charitable giving, and Minnesota's community of grantmakers*
- 2) Creating a more prosperous, inclusive and equitable Minnesota by eliminating disparities*

## **MCF's 2020 ADVOCACY AGENDA**

### **Promote Charitable Giving and a Strong Independent Sector**

- Advocate for federal tax laws that would increase overall charitable giving and expand who can access charitable giving incentives, recognizing that different types of giving may require different kinds of incentives
- Support simplification of the private foundation excise tax to a flat rate
- Support repeal of new unrelated business income taxes (UBIT) that were part of 2017 federal tax reform
- Oppose repeal of the Johnson Amendment
- Represent our members in discussions with the Attorney General's office on revising Chapter 309, the state statute related to charitable solicitations

### **Strengthen Democratic Systems and Civic Participation**

- Provide leadership in advancing a fully inclusive, accurate, and nonpartisan 2020 Census count in Minnesota
- Support a fully funded 2020 Census
- Support transparent redistricting principles and procedures that are equitable, fair, and nonpartisan

### **Bolster Minnesota's Disaster Response and Recovery System**

- Advance legislation to improve the disaster recovery experience for impacted individuals and families by investing in leadership, coordination, and training for volunteers and organizations active in disasters
- Encourage the examination of changes that may be needed to the state's disaster preparation, response, mitigation, and recovery systems to better serve vulnerable communities and build community resilience

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