

(your organization name)  
(your street address)  
(your city, state, zip)

(date)

Representative (name)  
(address)  
(city, state, zip)

Dear Representative (name),

On behalf of (your organization name), congratulations on your election to the State Legislature! As you may be aware, Michigan philanthropy has been an active partner with state government. In the case of our foundation, we have a long history of grantmaking and collaborative leadership in your district.

Through our membership associations, the Council of Michigan Foundations, and the Michigan Nonprofit Association, we have a 30-year history of building and supporting a strong nonprofit charitable sector that:

- Employs one in every 10 Michiganders – a total of nearly 450,000 jobs.
- Works with the Legislature through a bipartisan, bicameral nonprofit caucus.
- Has a history of public-private partnerships on issues such as education, health, early childhood and food access.
- Collaborates through a Nonprofit Council to the Charitable Trust Section of the Office of the Attorney General.
- Networks and shares expertise with the executive branch through the Governor’s Office of Foundation Liaison.
- Leverages state resources with private resources, such as through support of the Census 2020 Michigan Nonprofits Complete Count Campaign that amplifies government efforts to ensure Michigan maximizes federal funding revenue determined by census data.

While philanthropy and nonprofits cannot replace state government, our CMF and MNA community have a track record of being a strategic partner for state government. Please let us know how we can be of assistance to you in serving the residents of your district and our state.

(your organization name)  
(your name),  
(your title)  
(your phone number)  
(your website URL)

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We thank you for your service to Michigan.

Sincerely,

(your name), (your title)