

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Dear Members:

We, the Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers, reaffirm an existing 60-year-old policy, The Johnson Amendment as a positive policy for nonprofits and philanthropy. The Johnson Amendment prevents 501c3 organizations from endorsing or financially supporting political candidates or engaging in their campaign efforts. For additional information, click here to [Access Information and Resources on the Johnson Amendment](#).

In recent weeks, there have been attempts to repeal the amendment, and several bills have been introduced in Congress to repeal or severely weaken the law.

The National Council of Nonprofits has issued a [Community Letter in Support of Nonpartisanship](#), which nonprofits and philanthropic organizations, such as the Council on Foundations, The Forum and Independent Sector, have signed on to in opposition to repealing or amending the existing Johnson Amendment legislation.

We have signed on to the National Council of Nonprofits Letter in Support of Nonpartisanship and encourage members to learn more about the potential weakening of this important legislation.

Thank you,



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