

## **SAMPLE SCRIPT FOR PHONE CALL or EMAIL**

On behalf of [ENTER INSTITUTION NAME] I am contacting you regarding provisions in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (H.R. 1) that eliminate the tax exemption for private activity bonds and would devastate public charities nationwide.

[DESCRIBE YOUR INSTITUTION]

Private activity bonds are used by public charities for critical capital investments. These are not private business transactions, but public purpose financings that allow the charitable sector to do what government would have to do otherwise. A failure to access private activity bonds would mean that public charities would lose access to capital financing for projects that create long-term economic value for communities across the nation. In fact, without access to tax-exempt private activity bonds, many of these critical facilities would not be built.

Elimination of the exemption for private activity bonds for public charities would have a negative impact on the nation's economy, reducing the gross domestic product by \$23.6 billion – and leading to the loss of nearly 300,000 jobs generating \$15.6 billion in labor income.

In Connecticut, there are numerous projects at public charities that have been financed by private activity bonds:

[DISCUSS ONE TO THREE EXAMPLES]

As Congress debates H.R. 1, I urge you to oppose the provisions in the legislation which eliminate the tax exemption for private activity bonds.