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The Honorable Kevin de León
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Senate Bill 227 – Income taxes: credits: California Excellence Fund

Dear Senator de León,

California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits), a statewide policy alliance of more than 10,000 organizations, is the voice for California's nonprofit community. Through our advocacy work, we protect and enhance the ability of California's nonprofits to serve our state, the nation and the world. Thank you for introducing Senate Bill 227 which would allow a taxpayer to make charitable, tax-deductible monetary contributions to a newly-created state fund, and would establish a procedure that would allow the taxpayer to obtain a credit against their state taxes for the amount contributed to that fund.

CalNonprofits' policy framework states, "We support government budget and fiscal policies that provide sufficient resources to equitably and adequately meet the needs of Californians." CalNonprofits strongly opposed the federal tax bill because it benefits wealthy individuals and corporations at the expense of middle- and low-income families, nonprofits, and the communities we serve. We are therefore heartened to see California leaders step up with creative solutions to mitigate this harm. SB 227 will ease tax burdens for some California taxpayers while expanding the opportunity for those Californians to itemize their charitable deductions.

CalNonprofits is pleased to support SB 227, and we look forward to working with the California Legislature as we bring the nonprofit community's perspectives and concerns to the discussion.

Sincerely,



Jan Masaoka,
CEO, California Association of Nonprofits

cc: Jennifer Fearing, Sacramento Advocate, California Association of Nonprofits