



Mr. Bryan Steil, Chairman  
Committee on House Administration  
1309 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Philanthropy Roundtable Statement of Support for the American Confidence in Elections Act

Dear Chairman Steil and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Philanthropy Roundtable, I write in support of the donor privacy provisions of the American Confidence in Elections (ACE) Act. Philanthropy Roundtable is a community of charitable givers who are committed to advancing liberty, opportunity, and personal responsibility through effective charitable giving. Philanthropic freedom is a pillar of America's robust, diverse charitable landscape and protecting donor privacy is key to protecting the ability of generous Americans to give to the causes and communities they believe in without forced disclosure of their personal information.

The right of Americans to give freely and anonymously is protected by the First Amendment and cannot be overstated. Throughout our history, individuals have privately supported causes from abolishing slavery to women's suffrage to civil rights. Even our founding fathers understood the value of anonymity in public discourse, as evidenced by their use of pen names to encourage independence from Great Britain.

Today, donors may choose to give anonymously for a variety of reasons, including modesty, religious beliefs, and a desire to avoid unwanted solicitations. In today's highly divided society, many choose to remain private out of fear of reprisal and harassment for their associations. While the U.S. Supreme Court again upheld the right of donors to remain anonymous in their giving and voluntary association in the 2021 *Americans for Prosperity Foundation v Bonta* case, donor privacy remains under attack in the states. Lawmakers in states from California to Maine are considering overriding the right to anonymous giving this year.

Protecting nonprofit donor privacy is essential to preserving the diversity of ideas and perspectives that make our democracy strong. Nonprofit organizations serve as a vital means for citizens to engage in public discourse and advocate for the causes they believe in. By protecting donor privacy, we can ensure that individuals from all walks of life feel comfortable supporting a diverse range of organizations and causes, without fear of harassment or public intimidation.

We urge all Members of Congress to support the donor protection and privacy provisions in the American Confidence in Elections Act. These guardrails will protect millions of Americans across the country who cherish and rely on the right to privately support causes they believe in, as well as the diverse causes and communities they come together to support.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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