



**Pittsburgh Planned Giving Council**

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**Re: H.R. 2020**

Dear David:

I am contacting you on behalf of the Pittsburgh Planned Giving Council ("PPGC") to express our support of the Coalition in favor of House Bill H.R. 2020, a bill that would raise the charitable mileage rate.

Our members represent various charitable organizations across Southwestern Pennsylvania. Many of our members are development officers, executive directors, finance personnel and others working to promote philanthropy.

As gas prices reach \$4.00 per gallon, charitable programs across the country are facing critical volunteer shortages. At a time when charitable services are greatly needed, the 14¢ per mile tax deduction that a volunteer receives under current law no longer covers the cost of the gas.

While the IRS just raised the standard business rate to 58.5¢ per mile, the charitable mileage rate remains fixed by law at 14¢, and has not increased in over ten (10) years. PPGC stands strongly in support of the Coalition being formed by PANO in support of H.R. 2020.

Pittsburgh Planned Giving Council desires to join the Coalition in support of H.R. 2020. Please let me know if you need any further information from us.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

John R. Owen  
President-Elect