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March 18, 2005

The Honorable Rick Santorum
United States Senate
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Santorum:

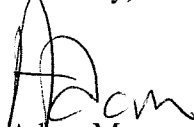
In response to your March 15, 2005 letter, The Philanthropy Roundtable is pleased to accept your request to convene a group to respond to the various proposals that have been advanced to date regarding charitable and philanthropic organizations, including the Finance Committee staff "white paper" and the Joint Committee on Taxation report.

In addition, as you may know, The Philanthropy Roundtable has formed a coalition of like-minded private foundations and public charities -- the Alliance for Charitable Reform. This organization's overarching goals include increasing philanthropy, expanding the resources available for charitable activities, improving financial transparency and accountability in the charitable sector, and promoting the imposition of stricter penalties on wrongdoers without unduly penalizing inadvertent violators.

We applaud your leadership and commitment to expanding, not contracting, the role of private philanthropy in meeting the needs of the most disadvantaged people of our country. The Philanthropy Roundtable and the Alliance for Charitable Reform will expedite your request with urgency because, as you noted, 'time is of the essence'.

We look forward to providing your office and the Senate Finance Committee with feedback on the impact of these various proposals on private foundations, family foundations and public charities. And we look forward to working with you and your office on this critical matter.

Sincerely,


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