ABOUT UNITED PHILANTHROPY FORUM
As the largest and most diverse network in American philanthropy, United Philanthropy Forum holds a unique position in the social sector to help increase philanthropy’s impact in communities across the country. We are a membership network of nearly 90 regional and national philanthropy-serving organizations (PSOs), representing more than 7,000 funders, who work to make philanthropy better.

INTRODUCTION
The convening of the 117th Congress provides the Forum with an opportunity to apply a renewed focus to its public policy work over the next two years. To that end, the Forum has developed six public policy principles that will guide our work during that time.

The Forum recognizes the legislative history of this country and how public policy has both intentionally and unintentionally negatively impacted Black communities and communities of color. These policies, over time, have only exacerbated disparities that have lasted generations.

These public policy principles will help the Forum address racial inequities, advocate on behalf of the sector, and identify practical public policy solutions that catalyze a just and equitable society where all can participate and prosper.

If you have questions about the Forum’s public policy work, please contact Matthew L. Evans, Director of Public Policy, at 202.759.6920 or matthew@unitedphilforum.org
CHAMPION RACIAL EQUITY & JUSTICE
The Forum supports meaningful changes that help recognize the importance of dismantling public policy that perpetuates racial/systematic inequities and social injustice.
The Forum endorses positive, practical solutions that seek to eliminate economic, social, health, and educational barriers, and replaces them with policies that are fair, just, create equitable opportunities and outcomes, and diminish racial and ethnic disparities.

SUPPORT FAIR TAX POLICY & REGULATION
The Forum supports the role that tax policy plays in encouraging and structuring gifts that support nonprofit organizations and communities and maintains a vibrant philanthropic sector. This includes tax credits and other vehicles that help spur more charitable giving.
The Forum opposes legislative mandates and regulations that would negatively impact the sector’s ability to help communities in need, decrease charitable giving, and erode donor privacy.

ENHANCE CHARITABLE GIVING
The Forum supports public policy that encourages charitable giving. The Forum supports policies that expand charitable giving, including enacting tax policies that incentivize giving.
The Forum supports legislation that protects the charitable deduction, makes the charitable deduction available to all taxpayers, and doesn’t limit incentives needed to support the critical work of the broader nonprofit sector.

DEFEND & STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY
The Forum supports a strong and vibrant democracy in America. A democracy that encourages participation in the democratic process, protects citizens’ right to be counted, right to vote, and provides fair representation, without restriction and interference.
The Forum opposes all forms of threats to democracy, foreign and domestic; and supports legislative efforts that ensure democracy and American democratic institutions remain intact.

PROMOTE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
The Forum supports the rights of charitable organizations to continue their involvement in public policy debates in accordance with the current rules and regulations, and oppose additional limitations on the ability of nonprofit organizations to participate in the advocacy process.
The Forum opposes any attempts to weaken or repeal the current federal law (Johnson Amendment) that prohibits nonprofits from engaging in partisan campaign activities.

BOOST SECTOR INCLUSION IN RELIEF LEGISLATION
The Forum supports emergency relief legislation relating to disasters, economic crises, health crises, and any other regional or national emergency that provides proper assistance and financial resources enabling the charitable sector to continue to work and assist communities and families.