

Colleagues,

As you may have heard, the IRS has proposed a new form that nonprofits can use to record and report donations over \$250. To use the new form, nonprofits would have to collect and report the Social Security numbers and addresses of donors, and file the new form with the IRS by February 28 every year and send a copy to each donor listed. This is meant to address the problem of donors who are audited, but unable to substantiate their gift with the “contemporaneous written acknowledgement” originally provided by the charity.

**[TAKE ACTION BY DECEMBER 16, 2015](#)**

United Way Worldwide has concerns about the proposal and plans to submit comments which we will likely invite you to sign in support. However, in the case of comments on proposed regulations, VOLUME MATTERS.

**Submit your own letters that include the key concerns below (feel free to just copy and paste). You can also add any other concerns you may have.**

**[Click here to let your voice be heard.](#)**

**Why We Are Worried About the Proposal**

- While the proposed rule is voluntary, it creates the ground work for a mandatory rule, which would be devastating to charitable giving in the United States.
- The proposed rule dramatically increases the risk of identity theft for millions of individuals who donate to charities. The IRS advises taxpayers against disclosing Social Security numbers for this reason.
- The proposed rule would have a chilling effect on charitable giving as it would significantly complicate giving for individuals, forcing individuals to consider disclosing personal information as part of their decision about whether and how much to give.
- Most employers operating workplace charitable giving campaigns – including the federal Office of Personnel Management – would not disclose employee social security numbers to charities.
- The proposed rule creates an undue burden on charities, which operate on tight margins and have limited capacity to manage, protect, and report data about individual donors.

**[Remember to submit your comments by December 16](#)**

**Include the name of your United Way, as well as the city and state in which it is located.** Please don't hesitate to let us know if you have questions.

Best,  
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