



January 28, 2025

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Michelle Fischbach
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The Honorable Tina Smith
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The Honorable Betty McCollum
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The Honorable Angie Craig
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The Honorable Kelly Morrison
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The Honorable Tom Emmer
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The Honorable Ilhan Omar
1720 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Brad Finstad
2418 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Pete Stauber
145 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Disastrous impact of pause in federal payments on Minnesotans

Dear Honorable Members of Minnesota's Congressional Delegation:

We urge you to protect Minnesotans and push the Administration to honor priorities and continue planned payments to nonprofits and other federal contracting partners. This entirely unnecessary "pause" will cause irreparable harm and cost lives.

The Minnesota Council of Nonprofits is extremely concerned about the Administration's pause of federal funding, particularly to nonprofit organizations and the communities you represent. To enact such a sweeping decision with less than one day's notice is catastrophic and could potentially cost lives of our most vulnerable Minnesotans.

As demands for services continue to rise for nonprofits, this order has caused further confusion and fear. **We are hearing widespread concerns regarding nonprofits' ability to operate and continue to meet critical needs, and for nonprofits to cover expenses already incurred, including payroll for Minnesota's 376,328 nonprofit employees.** This action will harm young children, people with disabilities, veterans, and Minnesotans at most risk, as they struggle to access services they need to survive.

The funds being paused support programs that you, as members of our Congress, have already determined to be priorities.

Previously approved and signed contracts for services and grants are affected. Grants that have been awarded but not spent are being halted. Any pending payment will likely be delayed or eliminated, including reimbursement for work already done and expenses already incurred, on behalf of the federal government.

With no specifics from the Office of Management and Budget regarding specific funds or organizations affected, this action is extremely harmful and is causing widespread confusion. We are collecting information from nonprofits across the state as to how this action is directly impacting their ability to support their communities, and instructing our sector and communities to contact you directly to share their concerns and stories

Again, we urge you to protect Minnesotans and push the Administration to honor priorities and continue planned payments to nonprofits and other federal contracting partners. This entirely unnecessary “pause” will cause irreparable harm and cost lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nonoko Sato". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nonoko" and the last name "Sato" clearly distinguishable.

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