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RE: PA General Assembly Members

We are writing to express our concerns regarding the recent passage of [HB 2632: Closing EITC Reporting Gaps](#).

The Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations (PANO) supports the idea that the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program - like any public-private partnership - should be evaluated, improved, and refined over time to ensure it serves Pennsylvanians effectively and equitably.

However, opportunities for improvement should not be confused with evidence that the program lacks value. For many nonprofit organizations across the Commonwealth, the EITC program remains one of the most important tools for supporting educational programming, workforce development, after-school initiatives, literacy efforts, mentoring programs, and other community-based services that would otherwise struggle to secure sustainable funding.

Over the past two decades, the EITC program has directed hundreds of millions of private dollars into nonprofit organizations serving communities in every region of Pennsylvania. These investments have supported programs operated by schools, libraries, workforce organizations, youth-serving nonprofits, cultural institutions, museums, community education programs, and local education foundations. In many cases, EITC funding enables organizations to expand services, reach underserved populations, and pilot innovative approaches that traditional government funding sources often cannot support.

**Importantly, EITC funding is not limited to a single type of institution or beneficiary.** The Department of Community and Economic Development's approved Educational Improvement Organization list includes almost 900 organizations representing a remarkably diverse cross-section of Pennsylvania's nonprofit sector. Recipients range from community libraries and public education foundations to arts and cultural organizations, workforce development programs, mentoring initiatives, and nonprofits focused on expanding educational opportunities for children and families. This broad participation demonstrates that the program's benefits extend well beyond any single educational model or constituency.

Rather, the program supports a broad ecosystem of nonprofit organizations whose impact extends well beyond individual organizations, strengthening local communities and creating opportunities for residents of all ages. In many communities, EITC investments help sustain programs that would otherwise have few alternative funding sources.

Reasonable people can debate how the program should evolve, with legitimate discussions about transparency, accessibility, funding priorities, geographic distribution, or administrative processes. Those conversations are healthy and necessary: PANO would welcome the opportunity to bring nonprofit EITC beneficiaries to the table to provide insight as to how this could happen. **But reform should focus on improving a successful program, not dismantling it.** Eliminating the EITC program altogether removes a



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significant source of private-sector investment from Pennsylvania's nonprofit sector and creates another funding gap that many organizations would struggle to replace.

**At a time when nonprofits face increasing demand for services and continued pressure on public and philanthropic resources, the Commonwealth should look for ways to strengthen effective partnerships among government, businesses, and community organizations.** The EITC program is one such partnership. It leverages private-sector investment to support locally driven educational initiatives while allowing businesses to direct resources toward organizations making a measurable impact in their communities.

While it may not be perfect, the EITC program continues to deliver meaningful benefits to nonprofits and the communities they serve. Rather than discarding a program that supports hundreds of educational improvement organizations across Pennsylvania, policymakers should focus on preserving what works, addressing what does not, and ensuring that this valuable resource remains available for future generations of Pennsylvanians.

As always, PANO appreciates our partnership with you and welcomes conversation with you about the impact of HB 2632 on nonprofit recipients should it become law.

Thank you for your consideration. You can reach me at 717.839.6364 or at [anne@pano.org](mailto:anne@pano.org).

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