



Support “An Act to Strengthen Impact, Efficiency and Accountability in the Government-Nonprofit Partnership”

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State government has become increasingly reliant on a partnership with the state’s extensive nonprofit sector to address many of the Commonwealth’s most important community needs and persistent challenges. Nonprofits are effective, efficient and essential partners in providing critical services, but their ability to continue to meet dramatically increasing demand is jeopardized by capacity and resource constraints.ⁱ Fortunately, innovative approaches are in development and in use in the Commonwealth, and across the country, which can dramatically improve the social and economic outcomes of this partnership. When these practices are identified and implemented across the entire government-nonprofit partnership, they will:

STRENGTHEN IMPACT ON IMPORTANT COMMUNITY NEEDS

IMPROVE EFFICIENCY IN THE GOVERNMENT-NONPROFIT PARTNERSHIP

ENHANCE ACCOUNTABILITY BETWEEN GOVERNMENT & NONPROFITS

Nonprofits educate and keep us healthy; they support our most vulnerable populations; and they care for our cultural, historical and environmental treasures. Nonprofits employ 16.7 percent of the workforce in Massachusetts and have nearly \$250 billion in annual revenuesⁱⁱ. There are over 4,767 grants and contracts between the state and nonprofit organizationsⁱⁱⁱ.

An Act to Strengthen Impact, Efficiency and Accountability in the Government-Nonprofit Partnership establishes a permanent Interagency Coordinating Group (“Coordinating Group”) to work collaboratively to identify and implement practices that improve the impact, efficiency, and accountability across the government-nonprofit partnership and to report on how those practices have increased the state’s ability to address important community needs and persistent challenges. The Coordinating Group will convene a Commission of leaders from the public, nonprofit and private sector to study, gather public input and make initial recommendations based on best practices and innovative approaches used in the Commonwealth and across the country.

To co-sponsor this legislation, contact Shannon Moore in Senator Flanagan’s office at shannon.moore@masenate.gov or 617-722-1230

The Massachusetts Nonprofit Network (MNN) is the voice of the entire nonprofit sector in Massachusetts. MNN was launched in 2007 to strengthen communities by serving nonprofit organizations through advocacy, public awareness, and capacity building. MNN has more than 500 member organizations, representing nonprofits in every part of Massachusetts, from the Berkshires to the Cape and Islands. For more information or to become a member, visit www.massnonprofitnet.org. For more information, please contact Rick Jakious, CEO of MNN, at rjakious@massnonprofitnet.org or 617-330-1188.

i “The View from the Cliff: Government-Funded Nonprofits Are Looking Out on Steep Cuts and an Uncertain Future,” The Bridgespan Group, 2012

ii “Holding the Fort: Nonprofit Employment during a Decade of Turmoil,” Johns Hopkins University Center for Civil Society Studies, 2012

iii “Human Service Nonprofits and Government Collaboration: Findings from the 2010 National Survey of Nonprofit Government Contracting and Grants” Urban Institute Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy, 2010