Call to Action

The Volunteer Driver Coalition is working to **keep people living and thriving in their communities** by protecting the viability of volunteer driver programs.

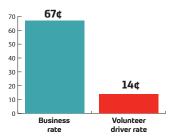
Our Goals

We strive to eliminate barriers that make it difficult for drivers to volunteer their time and for organizations to maintain volunteer driver programs.

The Situation

Volunteer drivers provide millions of rides each year for older adults

and other non-drivers, giving them access to healthcare and other essential community services and products. Organizations with volunteer driver programs face challenges when volunteers are reluctant to provide rides due to liability for federal income tax. We should not penalize volunteers for helping their neighbors.



Must Pass Legislation

We aim to increase the federal reimbursement rate for volunteer drivers to match the rate set by the IRS for business mileage (67 cents per mile).

Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN-8) introduced the **Volunteer Driver Tax Appreciation Act of 2023** on April 28 in the U.S. House of Representatives to add the measure to federal law. Co-sponsors include:

- Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN-2)
- Rep. Brad Finstad (R-MN-1)
- Rep. Michelle Fischbach (R-MN-7)
- Rep. Thomas H. Kean (R-NJ-7)
- Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN-4)
- Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN-5)
- Rep. Dean Phillips (D-MN-3)
- Rep. Yadira Caraveo (D-CO-8)

- Rep. Andy Kim (D-NJ-3)
- Rep. Ann M. Kuster (D-NH-2)
- Rep. Seth Magaziner (D-RI-2)
- Rep. Deborah K. Ross (D-NC-2)
- Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA-8)
- Rep. Jill N. Tokuda (D-HI-2)
- Rep. Derrick Van Orden (R-WI-3)

Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Ted Budd (R-NC), Tina Smith (D-MN) and Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) are co-sponsors of the Senate companion bill.

How You Can Help

Sign on as a supporter of the Volunteer Driver Tax Appreciation Act by contacting <u>dkittelson@trellisconnects.org</u>. We'll add your organization to the growing roster of champions! Ask your members of Congress to co-sponsor H.R. 3032 and S. 3020 and support their goals to strengthen volunteer driver programs that connect older adults to healthcare and essential community services.



Help us pass H.R. 3032 and S. 3020

Increase the volunteer driver reimbursement rate

from 14 cents to match the business mileage rate (currently 67 cents per mile)

A coalition of nonprofit and public organizations co-chaired by:

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List of Supporters for the Volunteer Driver Tax Appreciation Act of 2023

National Supporters

American Red Cross

Association of Fundraising Professionals

Association of Leaders in Volunteer Engagement (AL!VE)

Community Transportation Association of America Girl Scouts of the USA Galaxy Digital Independent Sector

Community Partners

Meals on Wheels America Mental Health America National Association of Towns and Townships National Council of Nonprofits

Engagement USAging YMCA of the USA

National Alliance for Volunteer

Regional Supporters

Age Well Arrowhead

Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits + Arizona Grantmakers Forum

Anoka County Community Action Program

Anoka County RSVP

Anoka County Transit

Apra Maryland

Arc Northland

Argyle Hope Program

Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging

Arrowhead Regional Development Commission

Arrowhead Transit

Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)

Assumption Community Faith in Action

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa

Brown County Heartland Express

California Association of Nonprofits

CARE-Community Action Respecting Elders

Care Partners of Cook County

Catholic Charities of the St. Cloud Diocese

Center for Victims of Torture

Central Community Transit

Central Minnesota Council on Aging

Colorado Nonprofit Association

Connecticut Community Nonprofit Alliance Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement East Central Regional Transportation **Coordinating Council** East Side Elders ElderCircle Faith in Action for Cass County Florida Nonprofit Alliance Forefront **GAPP** Services Inc. GoDakota GoWashington Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources Hastings Family Service Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations Help At Your Door **Highland Block Nurse** Program Horizon Health Idaho Nonprofit Center Iowa Nonprofit Alliance Isanti County Health and **Human Services** Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis Kentucky Nonprofit Network **Keystone Community**

Services

Koochiching Aging Options Living at Home Network Living at Home of the Park Rapids Area Maine Association of Nonprofits Maryland Nonprofits Michigan Nonprofit Association Mid-Minnesota **Development Commission** Minnesota Alliance for Volunteer Advancement Minnesota Association of Area Agencies on Aging Minnesota Association of Townships Minnesota Community Action Partnership Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Minnesota Council on Transportation Access Minnesota Public Transit Association Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging Minnesota Social Service Association Mississippi Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy Monadnock Regional Coordinating Council for Community Transportation Montana Nonprofit

Association Neighborhood Network

for Seniors NetworkPeninsula New Jersey Center for Nonprofits New Mexico Thrives New York Council of Nonprofits Nonprofit Association of the Midlands Nonprofit Association of Washington North Carolina Center for Nonprofits North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations North End-South Como **Block Nurse Program** North Shore Area Partners Northwest Regional **Development Commission** Paynesville ROSE Center Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations **PHASE-Industries** Prairie Five C.A.C., Inc. **Productive Alternatives** Volunteer Driver Program Providers' Council **Rainbow Rider Roseville Area Senior** Program Semcac Senior Access (TX) Senior Services Consortium of Ramsey County Southeast Seniors Southeastern Minnesota Area Agency on Aging

Southwest Regional

Transportation

Coordinating Council St. Anthony Park Area Seniors Stephen Living at Home/ **Block Nurse Program** The Foraker Group The Kansas Nonprofit Chamber The Nonprofit Association of Oregon Three Rivers Community Action, Inc. **Together SC** Trellis Tri-County Action Program, Inc **Tri-Valley Opportunity** Council, Inc. United Community Action Partnership United Way of Steele County **Utah Nonprofits** Association VINE Faith in Action Volunteer Services of Carlton County, Inc. Warren S.O.S. Waseca Area Caregiver Services WeCAB West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc. West Virginia Nonprofit Association Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network Wyoming Nonprofit Network

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