# 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.

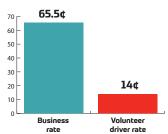
# Our Goals

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 (currently set at 65.5 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. Deborah K. Ross (D-NC-2)
- Rep. Dean Phillips (D-MN-3)
- Rep. Thomas H. Kean (R-NJ-7) • Rep. Andy Kim (D-NJ-3)
- Rep. Jill N. Tokuda (D-HI-2)

U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Ted Budd (R-NC) and Tina Smith (D-MN) introduced a companion bill in the Senate on October 4.

# How You Can Help

Sign on as a supporter of the Volunteer Driver Tax Appreciation Act by contacting dkittelson@trellisconnects.org. 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.

## Find updates at volunteerdrivermn.org



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 65.5 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

Community Transportation Association of America

Girl Scouts of the USA Independent Sector Meals on Wheels America Mental Health America

National Association of Towns and Townships National Council of Nonprofits USAging YMCA of the USA

#### **Regional Supporters**

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**Central Community Transit** Central Minnesota Council on Aging

Colorado Nonprofit Association

**Community Partners Connecticut Community** Nonprofit Alliance Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement East Central Regional

Transportation **Coordinating Council** 

ElderCircle

Faith in Action for Cass County

Florida Nonprofit Alliance Forefront

**GAPP** Services Inc.

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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

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

Montana Nonprofit Association

Neighborhood Network for Seniors

NetworkPeninsula

New Jersey Center for Nonprofits

New Mexico Thrives

New York Council of

Nonprofit Association of the Midlands Nonprofit Association of Washington

Nonprofits

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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