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Dear Mr. Stackhouse,

I am writing in response to Friday's article "[Ottawa looks at rewriting rules on charitable giving.](#)"

Readers may get the impression that charities and nonprofits are not accountable for dollars received from the federal government, and do not have to demonstrate results. Nothing could be further from the truth. When applying for grants or contributions, charities and nonprofits describe the anticipated benefit and are measured against that.

Can we further maximize our impact on communities across the country and around the world? Of course we can. As a sector, we have proposed ways to diversify our income stream and work better with government. These include a Stretch Tax Credit to boost giving, as well as measures to better support our revenue-generating activities. That said, grants and contributions will always form an important part of our revenues and we are already capably demonstrating effective use and showing results.

We, the two million Canadians who work in the sector, are taxpayers too. We ensure that dollars are well invested and that we earn the support of Canadians each and every day.



Marcel Lauzière,
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