

## Philanthropy Caucus: Groups Educate Legislators and Develop Advocates

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Forming a parallel caucus in the Senate is a necessary step, said Niki Jagpal, research director at the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP) in Washington, D.C. While it's encouraging that Congress seems to have a continued interest in learning more about philanthropy, she said it should be about more than just educating legislators about what it is foundations do.

Jagpal said there seems to be a lack of an explicit link between policy, government and foundations and nonprofits. She's hopeful that more senators will "actually engage in the caucus in a meaningful and substantive way, and acknowledge not just foundations and charities in terms of help, but find ways they can genuinely include nonprofit and grantee perspectives in their discussion."

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