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House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance – Pre-budget Consultations 2013

This brief is submitted by:

(•) **an organization** **Organization name:** SickKids Foundation

or

( ) **an individual** **Name:** _____

Topic: Charities, charitable giving and volunteerism

*Recommendation 1: Please provide a short summary of your recommendation.

In addition to SickKids Foundation, we are representing the following organizations that conduct large charity lotteries in Canada, namely the Canadian Cancer Society, the Heart & Stroke Foundation, London Health Sciences Foundation (in partnership with St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation and Children's Health Foundation) and the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario Foundation. We are recommending that Budget 2014 amend Section 207(4)(c) of the Criminal Code to allow charities to use computers and other modern technologies in their current lottery sales, operations, and draws.

Expected cost or savings: From the pull-down menus, please indicate the expected cost or savings of your recommendation to the federal government and the period of time to which the expected cost or savings is related.

$5 million -$9.9 million

Immediately

Federal funding: Please provide a precise indication of how the federal government could fund your recommendation. For example, indicate what federal spending should be reallocated, what federal tax measure(s) should be introduced, eliminated or changed, etc.

No federal funding or tax policy changes would be required. This would simply entail the inclusion of this amendment in the budget bill. This will make federal investments in charities (mainly tax credits) much more efficient.

Intended beneficiaries: Please indicate the groups of individuals, the sector(s) and/or the regions that would benefit by implementation of your recommendation.

This amendment will remove outdated legislation that creates significant, unnecessary red tape and costs for charities, allowing them to transform current lottery sales, operations and draws to become much more efficient and sustainable. Being able to use computers will save millions of dollars per year, immediately. These savings can be redirected to the benefit of all Canadians, including the missions and core services of our organizations, along with the hundreds of thousands of staff and volunteers who work with us.

General impacts: Depending on the nature of your recommendation, please indicate how the standard of living of Canadians would be improved, jobs would be created, people would be trained, etc.

Currently, charity lottery tickets are processed and mailed manually, draws are done completely by hand (using paper tokens in giant drums). With this change, tickets could be purchased and immediately processed online with e-tickets issued directly to customers via email. The savings for health charities will lead to more increased value-added investments such as medical research, health promotion, and grassroots programs that improve productivity and create jobs.

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Please use this page if you wish to provide more explanation about your recommendation(s).

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