# Call to Action

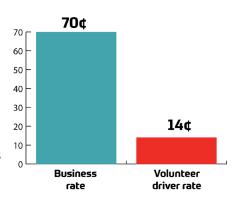
The Volunteer Driver Coalition is working to **keep people living and thriving in their communities** by protecting the viability of volunteer driver programs.

# 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 (70 cents per mile).

Volunteers provide a valuable service, contributing their time and knowledge. They should receive the same financial benefit for mileage costs as business drivers.

Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN-8) introduced the **Volunteer Driver Tax Appreciation Act of 2025** (H.R. 1582) together with co-sponsor Rep. Angie Craig. Rep. Brad Finstad (R-MN-1) has also signed on as a co-sponsor.

# 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. 1582 and support its 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. 1582 Increase the volunteer driver reimbursement rate

from 14 cents to match

the business mileage rate

(currently 70 cents per mile)

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### AARP

American Red Cross Association of Fundraising Professionals

Transportation

Apra Maryland

Arc Northland

on Aging

Counties (AMC)

Faith in Action

Program

Chippewa

Express

County

Torture

on Aging

Association

Nonprofits

**Bois Forte Public** 

Transportation

Association of Leaders in Volunteer Engagement (AL!VE) **Community Transportation** Association of America Girl Scouts of the USA Galaxy Digital Independent Sector

Meals on Wheels America Mental Health America National Association of Towns and Townships National Alliance for Volunteer Engagement

National Council of Nonprofits National Volunteer Caregiving Network USAging YMCA of the USA

Age Well Arrowhead **Community Action** Program Belknap-Alliance for Community Merrimack Counties, Inc. Community Thread Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits + Arizona **Community Volunteer** Grantmakers Forum Transportation Company Anoka County RSVP Connecticut Community Nonprofit Alliance Anoka County Transit Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging Delaware Alliance for Argyle Hope Program Nonprofit Advancement Arizona Trail Association **Disability Network West** Michigan Arrowhead Area Agency East Central Regional Transportation Arrowhead Regional **Coordinating Council Development Commission** East Side Elders Arrowhead Transit ElderCircle Association of Minnesota Faith in Action for Cass Assumption Community County Florida Nonprofit Alliance **Big Woods Transit - NEMT** Forefront GAPP Services Inc. Bois Forte Band of GoDakota GoWashington Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources **Brown County Heartland** Hastings Family Service California Association of Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations **CARE-Community Action** Horizon Health **Respecting Elders** Idaho Nonprofit Center Care Partners of Cook Iowa Nonprofit Alliance Jewish Family and Center for Victims of Children's Service of Minneapolis **Central Community Transit** Kentucky Nonprofit Central Minnesota Council Network **Keystone Community** Colorado Nonprofit 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 Hampshire Transit Association New Jersey Center for Nonprofits New Mexico Thrives

New York Council of The Kansas Nonprofit 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** Parents Inspired 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

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