

Call to Action

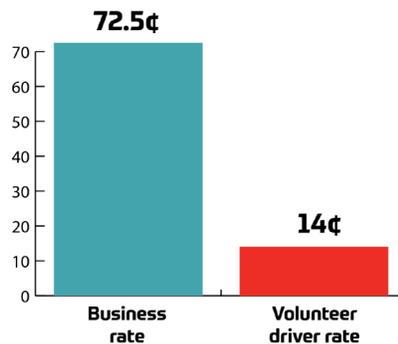
The Volunteer Driver Coalition is working to **keep people living and thriving in their communities** by protecting the viability of volunteer driver programs.

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 allowable federal reimbursement rate for volunteer drivers to match the rate set by the IRS for business mileage (72.5 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 (D-MN-2). Rep. Jack Bergman (R-MI-1), Rep. Brad Finstad (R-MN-1), Rep. Michelle Fischbach (R-MN-7), Rep. Seth Magaziner (D-RI-2), Rep. Addison McDowell (R-NC-6), Rep. Kelly Morrison (D-MN-3), Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN-5), Rep. Derrick Van Orden (R-WI-3) and Rep. Eugene Vindman (D-VA-7) have also signed on as co-sponsors. Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Ted Budd (R-NC) are co-sponsors of the Senate companion bill (S. 1177).

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. 1582 and support its goals to strengthen volunteer driver programs that connect older adults to healthcare and essential community services.



volunteer driver
COALITION

Help us pass H.R. 1582

**Increase the
volunteer driver
reimbursement rate**

from 14 cents to match
the business mileage rate
(currently 72.5 cents per mile)

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List of Supporters for the Volunteer Driver Tax Appreciation Act of 2025

National Supporters

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| AARP | Girl Scouts of the USA | National Association of Towns and Townships | National Volunteer Caregiving Network |
| American Red Cross | Galaxy Digital | National Alliance for Volunteer Engagement | USAgging |
| Association of Fundraising Professionals | Independent Sector | National Council of Nonprofits | YMCA of the USA |
| Community Transportation Association of America | Meals on Wheels America | | |
| | Mental Health America | | |

Regional Supporters

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| Age Well Arrowhead | Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. | Living at Home Network | New York Council of Nonprofits | The Nonprofit Association of Oregon |
| Alliance for Community Transportation | Community Thread | Living at Home of the Park Rapids Area | Nonprofit Association of the Midlands | Three Rivers Community Action, Inc. |
| Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits + Arizona Grantmakers Forum | Community Volunteer Transportation Company | Maine Association of Nonprofits | Nonprofit Association of Washington | Together SC |
| Anoka County RSVP | Connecticut Community Nonprofit Alliance | Michigan Nonprofit Association | North Carolina Center for Nonprofits | Trellis |
| Anoka County Transit | Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging | Mid-Minnesota Development Commission | North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations | Tri-County Action Program, Inc. |
| Apra Maryland | Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement | Minnesota Alliance for Volunteer Advancement | North Shore Area Partners | Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. |
| Arc Northland | Disability Network West Michigan | Minnesota Association of Area Agencies on Aging | Northwest Regional Development Commission | United Community Action Partnership |
| Argyle Hope Program | East Central Regional Transportation Coordinating Council | Minnesota Association of Townships | Parents Inspired | United Way of Steele County |
| Arizona Trail Association | East Side Elders | Minnesota Community Action Partnership | Paynesville ROSE Center | Utah Nonprofits Association |
| Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging | ElderCircle | Minnesota Council of Nonprofits | Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations | VINE Faith in Action |
| Arrowhead Regional Development Commission | Faith in Action for Cass County | Minnesota Council on Transportation Access | PHASE-Industries | Volunteer Services of Carlton County, Inc. |
| Arrowhead Transit | Florida Nonprofit Alliance | Minnesota Public Transit Association | Prairie Five C.A.C., Inc. | Warren S.O.S. |
| Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) | Forefront | Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging | Productive Alternatives Volunteer Driver Program | Waseca Area Caregiver Services |
| Assumption Community Faith in Action | GAPP Services Inc. | Minnesota Social Service Association | Providers' Council | WeCAB |
| Big Woods Transit - NEMT Program | GoDakota | Mississippi Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy | Rainbow Rider | West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc. |
| Bois Forte Band of Chippewa | GoWashington | Monadnock Regional Coordinating Council for Community Transportation | Roseville Area Senior Program | West Virginia Nonprofit Association |
| Bois Forte Public Transportation | Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources | Montana Nonprofit Association | Semcac | Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network |
| Brown County Heartland Express | Hastings Family Service | Neighborhood Network for Seniors | Senior Access (TX) | Wyoming Nonprofit Network |
| California Association of Nonprofits | Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations | NetworkPeninsula | Senior Services Consortium of Ramsey County | |
| CARE-Community Action Respecting Elders | Horizon Health | New Hampshire Transit Association | Southeastern Minnesota Area Agency on Aging | |
| Care Partners of Cook County | Idaho Nonprofit Center | New Jersey Center for Nonprofits | Southwest Regional Transportation Coordinating Council | |
| Center for Victims of Torture | Iowa Nonprofit Alliance | New Mexico Thrives | St. Anthony Park Area Seniors | |
| Central Community Transit | Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis | | Stephen Living at Home/Block Nurse Program | |
| Central Minnesota Council on Aging | Kentucky Nonprofit Network | | The Foraker Group | |
| Colorado Nonprofit Association | Keystone Community Services | | The Kansas Nonprofit Chamber | |
| | Koochiching Aging Options | | | |