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## ***United Way Endorses Compromise Charity Package***

**Alexandria, VA** – United Way of America today endorsed a compromise package of charitable incentives and reforms passed July 28 by the U.S. House of Representatives and released by the U.S Senate the same day. In the House, the package was included in pension legislation (HR 4), which passed by a vote of 279-131. The Senate may take up the bill this week.

The package includes a provision allowing individuals to make tax-free charitable contributions from Individual Retirement Accounts, as well as a number of constructive reforms addressing potential abuses in the charitable sector.

The package does not include a charitable deduction for individuals who do not itemize their taxes, a proposal strongly supported by United Way. However, after publicly calling on House and Senate negotiators to resolve their differences on the charitable package for several weeks, United Way of America is satisfied with the compromise.

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### ***About United Way of America***

*United Way is a national network of more than 1,300 locally governed organizations that work to create lasting positive changes in communities and people's lives. Building on more than a century of service as the nation's preeminent community-based fundraiser, United Way engages the community to identify the underlying causes of the most significant local issues, develops strategies and pulls together financial and human resources to address them, and measures the results. United Way of America is the national organization dedicated to leading the United Way movement. While local United Ways tackle issues based on local needs, common focus areas include helping children and youth succeed, improving access to health care, promoting self-sufficiency, and strengthening families. For more information about United Way of America, please visit: [www.unitedway.org](http://www.unitedway.org).*