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# Dunham Doesn't Want Charities To Be Casualty of Debt-Ceiling Talks:

## Expert on Giving Opposes Congress Scaling Back Tax Deduction

**WHAT:** Negotiations resumed Tuesday in Washington about the federal government's debt ceiling. One proposal calls for closing "loopholes" in the tax code, including scaling back the charitable deduction. The tax benefit of all itemized deductions would be capped at 28 percent for those earning more than $250,000 (married) or $200,000 (single).

Rick Dunham, an expert on charitable giving, notes that people in that tax bracket form the backbone of charitable giving in this country. He believes that changing the system would have a harmful effect on the most robust charitable section in the world.

**WHO:** **Rick Dunham**, the president and CEO of Dunham+Company, which helps more than 40 organizations around the world with their marketing, fundraising and media strategies.

Organizations served include World Vision, Open Doors USA, Insight for Living, The Bible Answer Man, Love Worth Finding Ministries, Baylor University, Concerned Women for America, Living on the Edge and Feed the Hungry, among others.

Dunham has appeared on Fox Business News and been quoted in publications such as USA Today and The Chronicle of Philanthropy.

**WHEN/WHERE:** By appointment via telephone or in studio in the Dallas area

**NOTE:** For more information or to schedule an interview with Rick Dunham, contact Steve Yount of A. Larry Ross Communications at 972.267.1111 or steve@alarryross.com.

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