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Mr. David Boyce Chief Executive Officer Fundly, Inc. 2390 El Camino Real Palo Alto, California 94306

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Ms. Kendall Webb Chief Executive Officer JustGive 312 Sutter Street, Suite 410 San Francisco, California 94108 Mr. Slava Rubin Chief Executive Officer Indiegogo 54 Thompson, 4th Floor New York, New York 10012

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Dear Messrs. Boyce, Rubin, Marcus, Wolfe and Ms. Webb:

I am writing to request that your companies waive processing and transaction fees for donations that are made to organizations providing relief to the Newtown community following the tragic shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

The events of December 14 were horrific and appalling, and they have deeply and grievously affected the residents of Newtown community as well as victims and their families. As the community grieves, I have been touched by the generous outpouring of help and spirit from Americans all over the country in offering assistance. Many Americans have already made donations to charitable organizations that are providing assistance to the community, and I hope many more will follow.

Your companies enable an easy method to contribute to relief efforts by allowing them to donate online. Although your companies offer convenience to donors, they also assess a processing charge to these transactions, reducing the donation's effectiveness.

Your companies provide a convenient service to generous Americans who wish to help a distraught community. I encourage you to allow these charitable contributions to be most effective and do the most good for the Newtown victims, their families, and community by waiving the transaction fees that normally apply to these donations.

Sincerely,

Richard Blumenthal
United States Senate