

## **Gift Acceptance Policy**

of the  
**Citizens Research Council of Michigan**  
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**Whereas** the Citizens Research Council of Michigan actively solicits gifts and grants to further the mission of the organization, and

**Whereas** there is the potential for controversy if certain gifts are accepted,

**Therefore**, the organization has adopted the following Gift Acceptance Policy:

When considering whether to solicit or accept gifts, the organization will consider the following factors:

- **Values**—We will consider whether the acceptance of the gift compromises any of the core values of the Citizens Research Council, including our ability to be nonpartisan, conduct quality research, enjoy independence in our research and publications, remain relevant, or provide timely analysis of public policy issues.
- **Compatibility**—We will consider whether there is compatibility between the intent of the donor and the organization’s use of the gift.
- **Public Relationships**—We will consider whether acceptance of the gift may damage the reputation of the Citizens Research Council.
- **Primary Benefit**—We will consider whether the primary benefit is to Research Council, versus the donor.
- **Form of Gift**—We will accept donations of money, personal property, stock, and other easily monetized assets. Opportunities for in-kind services are infrequent but offers are welcomed. Gifts of real estate, vehicles, and other real property will be considered.
- **Political Action Committees/Candidate Committees**—We may accept gifts from political action committees and candidate committees that are ceasing operation. We will not accept funding from an active political action committee or other political funding.
- **Effect on Future Giving**—We will consider whether the gift will encourage or discourage future gifts.

The Citizens Research Council reserves the right to refuse acceptance of gifts and return gifts if warranted. All decisions to solicit and/or accept gifts will be made by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee of the Board. The primary consideration will be the impact of the gift on the organization.