



## Sample Bequest Language

The following language can be used if you are considering making a bequest within your estate to *Citizens Research Council*. Please note that this language is not intended to serve as legal or tax advice and we strongly advise you to consult with your own advisors prior to making any bequest to any organization, including the *Citizens Research Council*.

### Specific Bequest

I hereby give, devise and bequeath to *Citizens Research Council of Michigan Inc*, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located at 38777 Six Mile Rd #208, Livonia, MI 48152, Federal Tax ID #38-1539991, the sum of (DOLLAR AMOUNT) (\$\_\_\_\_\_) from my estate to be used for the benefit of General Operations / Endowment (insert your preference).

### Percentage Bequest

I hereby give, devise and bequeath \_\_\_\_ percent (\_\_\_\_%) of my total estate, determined as of the date of my death, to *Citizens Research Council of Michigan Inc*, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located at 38777 Six Mile Rd #208, Livonia, MI 48152, Federal Tax ID #38-1539991, to be used for the benefit of General Operations / Endowment (insert your preference).

### Residual Bequest

I hereby give, devise and bequeath to *Citizens Research Council of Michigan Inc*, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located at 38777 Six Mile Rd #208, Livonia, MI 48152, Federal Tax ID #38-1539991, (ALL OR A PERCENTAGE) (\_\_\_\_%) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to be used for the benefit of General Operations / Endowment (insert your preference).

### Contingent Bequest

If (primary beneficiary's name) does not survive me, then I hereby give, devise and bequeath to *Citizens Research Council of Michigan Inc*, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located at 38777 Six Mile Rd #208, Livonia, MI 48152, Federal Tax ID #38-1539991, (DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY or THE SUM OF \$) \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for the benefit of General Operations / Endowment (insert your preference).

### Restricted Bequests

If you are considering a bequest but would like to ensure that your bequest will be used for a specific purpose, please let us know. We would be happy to work with you and your attorney to help you identify ways to give and meet your charitable objectives. We will also work with you and your attorney to craft language to accomplish your goals.

## Sample Codicil

[date]

I, [name], a resident of the County of [county], State of [state], declare that this is the codicil to my last will and testament, which is dated [date original signed] (my "Will").

I add to or change my Will in the following manner:

[List all specific changes or additions to the original will. Reference each section number of the will and the specific language you will be revising or otherwise affecting. This is where you would include a bequest to support Citizens Research Council of Michigan. For suggested bequest language that can assist you, see suggested bequest language.]

Otherwise, I hereby confirm and republish my Will in all respects other than those herein mentioned.

I subscribe my name to this Codicil on this [day, e.g. 1st] day of [month], [year], at [full address where signed], in the presence of [full name of first witness to codicil], [full name of second witness to codicil], and [full name of third witness to codicil, if any], attesting witnesses, who subscribe their names here in my presence.

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Maker

### ATTEST

On [date \_\_\_\_\_], [name], known by us to be the person whose signature appears above, declared to us, [full name of first witness to codicil], [full name of second witness to codicil], and [full name of third witness to codicil, if any], the undersigned, that the foregoing instrument, consisting of [number of pages to codicil] page(s) was the codicil to the will dated [date original signed]; who then signed the codicil in our presence, and now in the presence of each other, we now sign our names as witnesses.

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Witness

Address:

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### IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER

Please have your will or codicil drafted or reviewed by an attorney who is familiar with the estate laws of the state where you live. Citizens Research Council of Michigan provision of this sample codicil is for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. State laws govern or affect wills, trusts, and charitable gifts made in a contractual agreement. Advice from legal counsel should be sought when considering these types of gifts

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