Contributing through your IRA Charitable Rollover is Now Permanent

Congress reinstated a law that allows you to make a tax-free gift from your individual retirement account (IRA). Known as the IRA charitable rollover, this law no longer has an expiration date so you are free to make annual gifts to us from your IRA this year and well into the future.

The recently reinstated law allows individuals 70½ and older the ability to transfer up to $100,000 from their individual retirement accounts to a qualified charitable organization without being subject to income taxes on the distribution.

**How it Works:**

If you are 70½ or older, you can give up to $100,000 **directly** from your IRA to qualified charities such as Aspetuck Land Trust. The legislation does not permit direct transfers to charitable trusts, donor advised funds, charitable gift annuities or supporting organizations.

Advantages:

* It reduces your adjusted gross income (AGI) by up to $100,000, so less income is taxable.
* It lowers the taxable portion of your Social Security benefit, which could potentially decrease your Medicare premiums.
* It helps maximize the tax impact of your charitable giving, especially for those who are no longer eligible to claim the itemized deduction.
* It can satisfy some or all of your required minimum distribution.
* It can help lower your taxable estate, which may defray future state and federal taxes.

It is wise to consult with your tax professionals if you are contemplating a charitable gift under the extended law. Please feel free to contact Kim Craig, Director of Development at kcraig@aspetucklandtrust.org with any questions you may have.

This information is not intended as legal or tax advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney or tax advisor.

Sample Letter to Your IRA Administrator

[DATE]

[IRA CUSTODIAN COMPANY NAME]

RE: Request for Direct Charitable Distribution from an Individual Retirement Account

Dear IRA administrator:

Please accept this letter as my request to make a qualified charitable distribution from my individual retirement account number [insert number here]. Please issue a check in the amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ payable to the name of Aspetuck Land Trust at the following address:

Aspetuck Land Trust, PO Box 444, Westport, CT 06881

Attn: Kim Craig, Director of Development

The qualified charitable organization’s federal tax identification number is: 06-6088827

In your transmittal to the above named charitable organization, please memorialize my name and address as the donor of record in connection with this transfer, and copy me on the transmittal at the address below. It is my intention to have this transfer qualify during the 20XX tax year. Therefore, it is imperative that this distribution be postmarked no later than December 31, 20XX. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, I can be reached at [insert your telephone number and/or email address].

Thank you for your prompt attention to and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

[YOUR ADDRESS]

[YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER]