More background about the bill…
This bill postpones certain tax filing deadlines for U.S. nationals who are unlawfully or wrongfully detained abroad or held hostage abroad and their spouses. It also allows for a refund and abatement of tax penalties and fines paid by hostages, detained individuals, and their spouses or dependents. This is good and was the original bill.

However, an amendment has added a poison pill for social justice advocates. The bill now also terminates the tax-exempt status of terrorist supporting organizations and gives unilateral power to the secretary of the treasury to revoke the tax exempt status of any organization the secretary deems to be supporting terrorists. This amendment to the original bill gives a single appointed leader the power to judge organizations that may not agree with the present administration and essentially cripple them into extinction by taxation. This practice of using taxation to control opposing views is commonly used in autocratic regimes.

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Dear Senator Reed,
As you know, the House just passed HR 9495, which could allow any U.S. nonprofit, deemed to be resisting the present administration, to be stripped of its tax exempt status by the Secretary of the Treasury, without providing the nonprofit a meaningful opportunity to defend itself before a neutral decision maker. This power could be easily abused and thus raises significant constitutional concerns.

Please vote against it when the equivalent bill comes before the senate, and use your influence with your fellow senators when possible.

Thank you for all your work on behalf of the people!

Sincerely,