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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you in response to the Tax Deductible Gift Recipient Reform Opportunities Discussion Paper published on the 15th June 2017. My name is David Brookes and I'm the Managing Director of Social Traders.

Social Traders is a specialist social enterprise development organization. Our mission is to rapidly accelerate the importance of social enterprise and social procurement in Australia by demonstrating the potential of social enterprise to create jobs for marginalized groups, increase access to services and strengthen local communities and economies.

Social Traders was granted Specific DGR status in 2013, is registered with the ACNC and is endorsed for TCC.

I wish to provide feedback on two of the issues raised in the discussion paper.

Issue 6: Specific listing of DGR's by Government.

- We oppose the proposed action to introduce a sunset clause. Social Traders was granted specific listing in 2013 as it was critical to our organisation's ability to attract philanthropic grants to undertake our specialist activity. Maintaining our DGR status and having certainty about our DGR status is critical to our ongoing financial sustainability and our ability to deliver on our key programs and initiatives.

Issue 4: Complexity and red tape created by the public fund requirements.

- We support the proposed action to remove the public fund requirements as it increases unnecessary administration and adds little value to operating the fund.
- We also support the proposed action to allow DGR entities to be endorsed in multiple categories.

Please contact me on (03) 8319 8444 if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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