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I make thousands of dollars of donations every year but only approximately 50% are tax deductible. I believe this to be extremely unfair and if I was able to claim more as a tax deduction I would be able to give more in donations.

This would not only benefit the charities I give to and their beneficiaries but lessen grant requests from the government. It would also allow the public to have greater control of which charities receive the donations.

Many smaller charities, without DGR status or the funds to employ marketing companies really struggle and cannot achieve their goals. This means more suffering of the people, animals or environment they are attempting to help.

I am saddened by the minimal number of animal welfare and environmental charities that have DGR status. I believe the government should be doing a lot more in these fields themselves and without these charities we would all be much worse off. We need these dedicated charities.

I'm sincerely requesting the government simplify the process to apply for tax deductibility and allow more entities to gain DGR status.

Charities with DGR status give greater confidence to donors and for this reason I still believe their financial reports should be independently prepared and available for public review.