

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER APPROVED FOR 2012 AND 2013

Congress has re-authorized for 2012 and 2013 the provision that allows individuals to make charitable contributions from their IRA accounts, without first incurring income tax on the withdrawal. This means that you can make a contribution to Pittsburgh Opera directly from your IRA with **no federal income tax liability**. This is an excellent opportunity to increase your gift by using an asset that would be subject to multiple levels of taxation if it remained in your taxable estate.

Below are the details and restrictions:

- You must be 70½ or older when you make the gift from your IRA.
- Your gift must come to us outright – it cannot be used to establish a life-income arrangement or support a donor-advised fund.
- The distribution will be free from income tax, but will not generate an income tax charitable deduction.

The IRA Rollover may be beneficial to you in 2012 and/or 2013. To have an IRA Rollover gift count for 2012, you must act by January 31. It is also possible to have an IRA gift count for 2013. Please see the sample letter of instruction to learn how to initiate this type of gift.

SAMPLE LETTER OR E-MAIL OF INSTRUCTION TO YOUR IRA CUSTODIAN

[date]

[company and address]

RE: Charitable Distribution from Individual Retirement Account

Dear Sir or Madam:

I wish to make a direct charitable distribution from my Individual Retirement Account # _____ as provided by The American Tax Relief Act of 2012 and Sec. 408 (d)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Please issue a check in the amount of \$ _____ payable to Pittsburgh Opera, federal ID #25-1073139 at the following address:

Attn: Development Department
Pittsburgh Opera
2425 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

In your transmittal to the charity, please include my name and address as the donor of record in connection with this transfer. Please copy me on your transmittal.

OPTIONAL (Only include if you are making a transfer for 2012) It is my intention to make certain that this transfer qualifies for exclusion during the 2012 tax year. Therefore, it is imperative this distribution be received no later than January 31, 2013.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

[your name]

[your address and telephone number]

cc: John Federico, Director of Development

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