

P-04-446 : Business Rate Relief for Welsh Charity Shops

Petition wording:

Charity shops make a vital contribution to raising income for a huge range of good causes in Wales. 100 per cent of their profits go to charity, raising over £12 million every year in Wales.

Proposals which reduce business rate relief for charity shops in Wales will reduce this income, and will cause charity shops to close, leaving more empty shops on Welsh high streets and threatening 700 full time jobs and 9,000 volunteering opportunities offered by charity shops in Wales. It will significantly reduce the services that charities are able to provide in Welsh communities.

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to reject proposals which will restrict the vital business rate relief for Welsh charity shops.

Petition raised by: **Charity Retail Association**

Date petition first considered by Committee: **15 January 2013**

Number of signatures: **+22,600**