Subject: RE: Opposition to proposed HB 2456

On Behalf of the Eugene/Springfield Relief Nurseries and their Board of Directors, I would like to express my concern regarding the proposed HB2001, HB2456 and SB305.

Relief Nurseries depend on the charitable contribution of individuals to do the important work of eradicating child abuse in Oregon. The reduction or disallowance of the itemization for charitable contributions would negatively impact our ability to do the vital work of intervention where child abuse may occur.

Our children are our most vital resource. Children at high risk for child abuse should not be the victims of an action to remove charitable contributions from our tax laws.

Please consider the negative impact HB2001, HB2456 and SB305 would have on our most vulnerable citizens.

Sincerely, Patricia L. McConnell Chair, Legislative Committee **Relief Nursery Board of Directors**

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