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Senate Committee on Housing and Development

Re: Senate Bill 603

Dear Chair Senator Jama, Vice-Chair Senator Anderson, and members of the Committee;

When I was growing up the joke was that the government's solution to a problem was to "throw money at it." Seems to still be the case.

I am strongly opposed to Senate Bill 603 and hand-outs like this just need to stop. Plain and simple.

Just when are the supporters and promoters of this type of hand out going to dip into their own pockets?

Study a *People's Housing Assistance Fund Demonstration Program*? In the current political climate what would you suppose the odds are of this being found nonviable? My guess is – none.

And SB 603 calls for this to lead to a "*long-term cash assistance program.*"

Stop this nonsense. Table SB 603.

There is such a thing as indigence and bills like this one encourage it. Oregon's legislative body continues to lay the burden on the shoulders of tax-payers.

Sincerely,



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