



March 2, 2023

Senate Human Services Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Committee Members:

RE: SB 606 - Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act

Meals on Wheels People asks you to pass SB 606, the Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act. Your support is critical to the health of the nonprofit sector and the communities they serve.

Meals on Wheels People's vision is that no senior will go hungry or experience social isolation. Our mission is to enrich the lives of seniors, and assist them in maintaining independence, by providing nutritious food, human connections and social support. We also use our expertise and capacity to serve other nutritionally at-risk populations.

We are a 53 year old non-profit organization and understand the issues in state contracting, including late payments, low administrative rates, burdensome reporting requirements, complex or confusing applications.

We ask that you include all the following components of the bill to help us meet our mission and serve our community of vulnerable seniors, including requiring a de minimis administrative rate of 10 percent or higher; eliminating reimbursement as a form of payment for state grants; requiring disbursement of contract funds within 30-days of signed contract; creating the Nonprofit Workforce Retention Fund to provide grants nonprofits to help maintain and prevent employee turnover; creating a state task force to reform nonprofit contracting in order to streamline and simplify the process, raise wages, and create an ecosystem of administrative policies, statutes and funding levels that lead to sustainable government/nonprofit partnerships.

Meals on Wheels People appreciates your consideration of SB 606. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Suzanne Washington".

Suzanne Washington, CEO