



March 6, 2023

To: Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice Chair Robinson, and Members of the Senate Committee on Senate Committee on Human Services

Re: Senate Bill 606 – Support, Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act

Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice Chair Robinson, and Members of the Committee. For the record, my name is William Miller (Blackfeet/ Cherokee) and I have the honor of serving as the Executive Director of the NAYA Action Fund located in Portland. Founded by the community, for the community, the NAYA Action Fund is a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization with a mission to expand political advocacy and build electoral power in partnership with the Native community in Oregon and Washington. Our vision of systemic change is youth centered, family driven, and elder guided. I write in support of Senate Bill 606 – establishing the Nonprofit Modernization Act in Oregon.

Many nonprofit organizations, including ours, experience high rates of employee turnover, leading to additional administrative and organizational burden. We want to uplift, guide, and enrich opportunities for employee development and retention. SB 606, when passed, would create the Nonprofit Workforce Retention Fund within the State Treasury, providing grants to nonprofits while helping to maintain and prevent employee turnover. In addition to the fund, the Nonprofit Modernization Act provides nonprofit organizations with the following:

- Requires a de minimis administrative rate of 10 percent or higher
- Eliminates reimbursement as a form of payment for state grants
- Requires disbursement of contract funds within 30-days of signed contract
- Creating a state task force to reform nonprofit contracting 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

The NAYA Action Fund works in community to secure protections, provide opportunities, and increase the advancement of those most impacted by policy. This session, we hope you join us in providing financial and systemic sustainable opportunities for Oregon's nonprofit organizations. It's with this prosperity in mind that I write on behalf of the NAYA Action Fund, urging the passage of SB 606.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William Miller", is written over a white rectangular area.

William Miller
Executive Director