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March 3, 2023

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

Dear Committee Members::

RE: SB 606 - Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act

Curry Community Cares 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.

CCC is a local non-profit that helps low income homeowners who are living in unsafe conditions with home repairs. Our resale store offers gently used household items and building materials that reasonable prices: furniture, appliances, windows and doors, tools, lumber, drywall, cabinets, lighting, electrical and plumbing. Proceeds. Stay local to fund our "Step Up Program" providing help with home safety improvement projects for seniors, the disabled, and veterans. All profits from our home improvement thrift store go to help people in Curry County.

As I'm sure you're aware, running a non-profit presents its own set of challenges. We have two paid employers and have a high turnover rate for our volunteers. The story is run by a board who oversees the employees. The burden sum reporting requirements and complex and confusing applications for grants leave us needing help.

Creating a state task force to reform non-profit contracting in order to streamline and simplify the process, raise wages, and create an ecosystem of administrative policies, statutes, and government/ non-profit partnerships would be a great first step. Creating a non-profit workforce retention fund that provides grants to non-profits to help maintain and prevent employee turnover would be wonderful.

Curry Community Cares appreciates your consideration of SB 606. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you.



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