



April 4, 2023

Ways and Means Committee

Dear Committee Members:

RE: SB 606 - Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act

Period, Inc 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.

PERIOD. is a global advocacy organization focused on ending period poverty. We are proudly headquartered here in Oregon, where we help manage our 400 volunteer-run chapters around the world, from where we send millions of menstrual products to people in need annually, and where we provide menstrual health curriculum to thousands of youth people. We love our home state, but because we are only 9 years old and do not have long standing relationships with state departments and lawmakers, we are not competitive for Oregon's public grantmaking, even when so many Oregon students and families miss out of school and work because of the need for products and we've been integral in passing menstrual equity legislation statewide.

Oregon's large and historic nonprofit organizations serve a valuable part in our civil work to make our state better. But for too long, we've been providing funds and contracts to the same programs while hoping for a new result. *This state is facing new crises, and the old solutions and programs no longer work.*

Let's pass this modernization act so Oregon's dollars can be spent finding new solutions from organizations and their new, energized leadership. We owe it to Oregonians and the many unheard nonprofit organizations who are making real, lasting change. Let's give these organizations the opportunities to grow and help solve our deepest problems. Let's diversify which organizations can apply for and receive contracts, let's trust them to approach our civic needs with new frameworks and energy. Creating a task force to help streamline and simplify the applications and award process is a first step to making this happen.

PERIOD. appreciates your consideration of SB 606.

Sincerely,  
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