

## Support for Senate Bill 602

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Dear Senator Frederick and Representative Sanchez,

I'm a non-profit accountant (Oregon Licensed Tax Consultant #907680-C). I live in Portland's Sabin neighborhood (97212) and am writing in support of Senate Bill 602.

I've worked with NGOs in Oregon professionally as an administrator, operations and finance director for over 22 years. Some 10 years back I became an accounting consultant for nonprofits and small businesses.

I can say that the state's policies are sorely in need of an update; our state's NGOs are hamstrung in their relationship with the State in a way that wastes everyone's time and money.

I've reviewed the details of Senate Bill 602 and it clearly would improve how government grants and contracts are structured and administered, allowing better outcomes and reducing some of the barriers to participation, tedious work arounds, and navigation of inexplicable red tape that often feels designed just to add busy work (admittedly it could reduce job security for highly paid consultants like myself - which of course *should not* be a goal of public policy!).

Please support Senate Bill 602.

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