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The Honorable Senator Lew Frederick The Honorable Representative Travis Nelson Oregon Legislature 900 Court Street NE Salem Oregon 97301

RE: Senate Bill 602 - Task Force on Modernizing Nonprofit Grant Funding and Contracting Recommendations

Dear Senator Frederick and Representative Nelson,

I, Amanda Green, am a nonprofit financial executive with 17 years of experience in financial roles for Oregon Nonprofits. I, along with Oregon's nonprofits, am asking you to support the <u>recommendations of the state Task Force on Modernizing Grant Funding and Contracting</u> by passing Senate Bill 602. The recommendations are designed to improve the process and outcomes of government grants and contracts by empowering nonprofits to deliver critical services efficiently and cost-effectively to Oregonians.

Many of the organizations I've worked with have had significant difficulty navigating the current government grant and contracting systems. These archaic systems cause organizations to incur increased administrative costs. The lack of indirect and overhead funding can also lead to inefficient organizations or even fraud.

Senate Bill 602, if enacted, improves and streamlines how government grants and contracts are structured and administered. The Bill would make important changes such as updating all necessary ORS/OARs to encourage state agencies comply with the federal OMB guidelines for administrative rates (2 CFR 200), which mandate that contracts include either a de minimis standard (currently set at 15%) or the organization's approved negotiated indirect cost rate agreement (NICRA).

To review all of the task force's findings and recommendations, we encourage you to read the full <u>report</u>.

We hope that we can count on your leadership in guiding the passage of Senate Bill 602. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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