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The Honorable Senator Anderson
The Honorable Representative Gomberg
Oregon Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Senator Anderson and Representative Gomberg:

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

Olalla Center joins with Oregon's nonprofits to ask you to support the [recommendations of the state Task Force on Modernizing Grant Funding and Contracting](#) 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.

Olalla Center is a community-based organization that supports children and families in Lincoln County through behavioral health services, equine-facilitated services, and community-based programming. Our mission is to help strengthen and heal individuals, children, families, and our community.

Our organization has experienced challenges with inconsistency within and across agencies. Streamlining these processes would allow more time, energy and resources to be devoted to the community members we are serving rather than complying with grant requirements.

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:

- Encouraging COLA/inflation adjustments for contracts or grants if the contract exceeds 12 months or longer.
- Creating an office of nonprofit partnership and establishes a nonprofit advisory council to oversee service improvements, implementation, and compliance.
- Encouraging cost estimates for ongoing nonprofit grants or contracts in the budget development process to inform budget decisions made by the executive and legislative branches.
- Encouraging state agencies to make advance payments for grant funds equivalent to one-quarter of the annual contract value at the start of each new fiscal year for both new and ongoing contracts and grants.

To review all of the task force's findings and recommendations, we encourage you to read the full [report](#).

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

Sincerely,

Lori R. Vallelunga, Ph.D., Executive Director

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