

April 3 2025

The Honorable Senator Khanh Pham The Honorable Representative Thuy Tran Oregon Legislature 900 Court Street NE Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Khanh and Thuy

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

Social Impact Accounting (aka Jack Mesplay and Associates) joins with Oregon's nonprofits to ask 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.

Social Impact Accounting is an accounting firm specializing in serving nonprofit organizations doing important work all over the state.

Our firm has experienced first hand the bureaucratic and administrative nightmares that come along with working with Oregon's public granting agencies, and we would **love** for you to end this line of work for us with some simple practical fixes such as those in SB 602.

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 report.

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

Sincerely,

Jack Mesplay, Principal at Social Impact Accounting

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