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On Behalf Of:
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Oregon Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem Oregon 97301

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

Young Roots Oregon 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.

Young Roots Oregon is a community-based organization that specifically supports Oregonians in Linn and Benton Counties who are pregnant or parenting ages teen to 24 years old and their children. Our mission is to creatively empower young families to build healthy foundations.

Our organization has experienced outrageously long wait times for funding disbursement, inadequate funding for indirect and fringe benefit costs within state contracts, rigid accounting of supplies and materials (i.e. counting the number of papers printed for a specific program to be able to invoice for costs), and non profit salaries not meeting the same equitable pay scale and benefits packages compared to state or for profit employer competition.

Senate Bill 602, if enacted, improves and streamlines how government grants and contracts are structured and administered.

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,

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