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Pilar C. Kleier
19590 S.W. Celebrity
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Dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter about federal funding for Community Action Agencies, and other Service Programs. As you know, Congress is currently discussing fiscal year 1996 appropriations. I appreciate having your views on this important issue.

The FY 1996 budget proposal which the President submits serves as a guideline by which Congress will determine funding levels for federal programs. My highest priority has been, and continues to be, reducing our federal deficit. Entitlement spending continues to grow at an enormous rate. This restricts our ability to fund other worthy programs and still reduce the deficit. Reform of our nation's entitlement programs is, therefore, a necessary step in any deficit reduction effort. Fairness dictates that all federal programs share the burden of budget restraint. Be assured that as the Senate discusses funding for these programs, I will have your specific comments in mind.

Again, thanks for taking the time to write. Please stay in touch.

Sincerely,



BOB PACKWOOD

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*Sent to : Furse
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March 22, 1995

Senator Bob Packwood
259 Russell Office Building
Washington, D C. 20510

Dear Senator Packwood,

This letter is to express my concern over the proposed cuts to the Community Services Block Grant and Community Action programs. I urge to consider to support these needed programs.

I am a Washington County resident. Throughout the years I have seen the work of Washington County Community Action Organization (WCCAO) helping thousands of low-income households and individuals that were hungry, homeless and in need of emergency services for their basic human needs. WCCAO gave them the support they needed to break the cycle of poverty and achieved self-sufficiency.

WCCAO provides services like Head Start, child care, parenting education, emergency services, information and referral, weatherization, housing, homeless assistance; all of these programs are vital in Washington County. It gives families a chance to survive during their crisis; helps them to become better parents; allows them to give their children a head start in their education, so we can nurture "our most precious assets-our children-Oregon's future".

I have seen friends and neighbors that because of unexpected sickness, high hospital bills, loss of a husband, have been unfortunate to loose their homes. Washington County Community Action Org. helped them in their hour of despair and when they have gotten back in their feet, they have returned to WCCAO to do volunteer work or to give a donation to help others in need.

!Please support CSBG and Community Action programs, they are very much need in our community! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pilar C. Kleier

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March 17, 1995

The Honorable Bob Packwood
259 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Pack wood,

Washington County Community Action Organization (WCCAO) is working to purchase Ash Creek Apartments through the HUD preservation program, LIHPRHA. Ash Creek is located at 10025 SW 85th Ave. in Metzger, Washington County, and provides affordable housing to thirty-two households.

The \$7.2 billion HUD rescission package proposed by the House Appropriations Sub-Committee contains significant cuts to the LIHPRHA program. We ask that you work to preserve the \$465 million in Fiscal Year 1995 funds immediately. Without these funds and an additional appropriation in Fiscal Year 1996, it is unlikely that our purchase of Ash Creek Apartments will be completed.

We urge you to keep in mind that Washington County now faces a critical shortage of affordable housing, and any loss of subsidized units will have an immediate negative impact on our community.

The residents of Ash Creek are relying on LIHPRHA funds to maintain permanently affordable rents. All households living at Ash Creek are low-income; two-thirds earn 50% or less of the median family income putting them under the very-low income threshold. Seventeen households earn less than \$14,000 in a year. With vacancy rates near zero for modest cost units in the county, there is little chance that, once displaced, these residents will find affordable apartments.



The Honorable Bob Packwood

March 17, 1995

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Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

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Leon Laptook
Housing & Energy Director

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The Honorable Jim Bunn
1517 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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March 21, 1995

Mr. Ashley H. Anderson
Legislative Assistant
Senator Bob Packwood
259 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

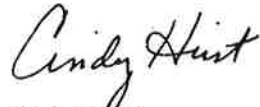
Dear Mr.  Anderson:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us last week to discuss Community Action and our interest in the Community Services Block Grant. We appreciated your interest and your thoughtful remarks.

We will work with the Senator's staff in Portland to arrange a visit to one of our Community Action project sites when he is home during the April break. We will also make sure that you get additional information about our work and that David Bradley, Executive Director of the National Community Action Foundation, schedules a visit with you.

We enjoyed our visit with you and greatly appreciate your interest in learning more about Community Action and the Community Services Block Grant. We will stay in close contact.

Sincerely,


Cindy Hirst
Board Vice Chair


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cc: David Bradley, National Community Action Foundation

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P.O. Box 220
North Plains, Oregon 97133-0220

March 7, 1995

The Honorable Bob Packwood
United States Senate
259 Russel Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Packwood:

We hear many different things about possible changes in expenditures for social services. I want you to know my concern about the future of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program.

I am the Vice Chair of Washington County Community Action Organization (WCCAO). As you may know, we are a community-based, locally-controlled organization. This allows us to be flexible and responsive to local needs and able to leverage high levels of private support.

The CSBG funding received by our Organization is our core funding. For fiscal year 1994-1995, WCCAO received \$159,638 in CSBG funds that has leveraged \$3,790,575 in additional grants and financial contributions. These funds have been used as seed money for establishing a county-wide food bank, a family shelter home, providing a range of social services needed by low-income families to move out of poverty, and expanding the availability of affordable child care and housing.

We have been effective in linking the private, public and voluntary sectors, creating ongoing partnerships and collaborations that more effectively and efficiently address the problems of poverty in our community. Our philosophy is "a hand up, not a hand out." Our services touch the lives of thousands of low income households annually. The wide range of services provided under WCCAO's umbrella includes Head Start, child care, weatherization, housing and homeless assistance, parenting education, emergency services, information and referral that allows us to look holistically at the needs of families to help them move out of poverty.

In the efforts by Congress to reduce spending and rely more on the private sector for social services, the CSBG is being used in a way that brings together public and private sector. The private sector will continue to provide financial assistance as long as the public sector makes the same effort.

I strongly urge you to support the CSBG program.

Sincerely,


Cynthia M. Hirst

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Ms. Connie Sherrard
1027 S. Beech
Cornelius, Oregon 97113

Dear Ms. Sherrard:

Thank you for your letter about federal funding for the Community Services Block Grants (CSBG's). As you know, Congress is currently discussing fiscal year 1996 appropriations. I appreciate having your views on this important issue.

The FY 1996 budget proposal which the President submits serves as a guideline by which Congress will determine funding levels for federal programs. My highest priority has been, and continues to be, reducing our federal deficit. Entitlement spending continues to grow at an enormous rate. This restricts our ability to fund other worthy programs and still reduce the deficit. Reform of our nation's entitlement programs is, therefore, a necessary step in any deficit reduction effort. Fairness dictates that all federal programs share the burden of budget restraint. Be assured that as the Senate discusses funding for this program, I will have your specific comments in mind.

Again, thanks for taking the time to write. Please stay in touch.

Sincerely,



BOB PACKWOOD

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March 1, 1995

Senator Bob Packwood
259 Russell Office Building
Washington DC 20510

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Entering WCCAO doesn't require anyone to leave their dignity at the door, either--everyone is treated with respect, regardless of their circumstances. And along with the respect comes responsibility. WCCAO clients are *participants* in the services they receive, not passive receivers of handouts to tide them over until the next crisis.

WCCAO understands the value of a dollar and gets the most out of the CSBG funds and other support they receive. They also use many volunteers and donated goods--the community's resources are being reinvested in the community.

Unlike some of my friends and neighbors, I am fortunate that I have never had to turn to WCCAO for assistance. However, I am grateful that it is there should I need it.

Please support CSBG and community action programs. They are a vital source of the quality of life in this county and the State of Oregon.

Thank you



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Mr. Richard Porn
President
Western Realty Advisors
15455 N.W. Greenbrier Pkwy.
Beaverton, Oregon 97006

Dear Mr. Porn:

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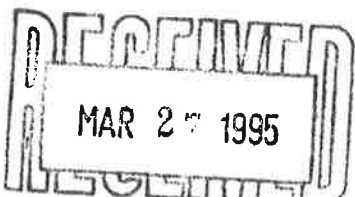
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Sincerely,



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March 8, 1995

Senator Bob Packwood
259 Russel Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Community Services Block Grant Program

Dear Senator Packwood,

I feel I am writing a real friend of Washington County Community Action Organization(WCCAO) and one who understands the importance of the CSBG. Non the less, your upcoming support of the funding of this program is I know essential to our efforts in fighting poverty in Washington County.

I have only been a member of the WCCAO board of directors for less than a year but I have come to understand the critical role it plays in the daily life of many of the less fortunate among us. I am particularly concerned that although we have a growing economy in the County, thanks in large part to your efforts, we must ensure that all our citizens have a hand up, not a hand out.

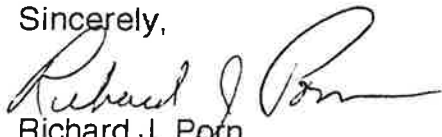
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CSBG is one of the principle building blocks of our program, without it the needy are in deep trouble.

Please favorably support the CSBG when it comes up for a vote, and encourage your piers to do so as well.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Porn
President

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March 22, 1995

cc: Jerralynn Reed
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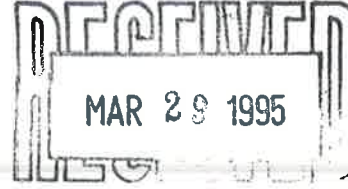
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Robert C. Shoemaker
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Portland, Oregon 97258-2095



Dear Bob:

Thanks for writing and passing along valuable information about Community Services Block Grants (CSBG's). I appreciate you keeping me current on this issue.

I am always interested in knowing how fellow Oregonians feel about important issues, and I appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts with me. I assure you, if discussion on this matter arises in the Senate, I will keep your comments in mind.

Once again, thanks for the letter. Please keep in touch.

Sincerely,

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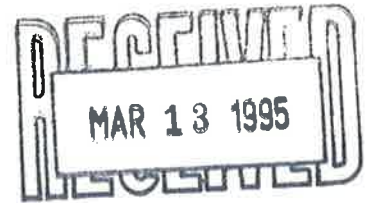
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March 9, 1995

The Honorable Bob Packwood
259 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Community Services Block Grants

Dear Bob:

For six years I have served on the Board of the Washington County Community Action Organization, headquartered in Hillsboro. This has been one of my most rewarding community services. WCCAO, as it is known, depends upon block grants to deliver its important services to the Washington County community. WCCAO is a beautiful example of a private non-profit corporation performing a most important public service. I hope this service may continue to be an extension of the block grant program.

Enclosed is a list of points provided by WCCAO for your information, which will illustrate the value of WCCAO and other community-based organizations to our nation.

Sincerely,

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Robert C. Shoemaker

- We are a community based, locally controlled organization which allows us to be flexible, responsive to local needs and able to leverage high levels of private support.
- CSBG funds have a multiplier effect. For fiscal year 1994-95, WCCAO received \$159,638 in core funding from the Community Services Block Grant which has leveraged \$3,790,575 in additional grants and financial contributions to address the causes and conditions of poverty in our community.
- CSBG funds have been used as seed money which allowed us to organize and operate a county wide food bank, establish a family shelter home, provide a range of social services needed by low-income families to move out of poverty, and expand the availability of affordable child care and housing.
- Administrative costs for fiscal year 1994-95 operations are at 7 1/2% and have never been above 10%
- Over 500 volunteers annually donate time to WCCAO and thousands of dollars of in kind goods are donated to address local needs.
- We have been effective in linking the private, public and voluntary sectors, creating ongoing partnerships and collaborations to more effectively and efficiently address the problems of poverty in our community.
- We bring a wide range of services under one roof, such as: Head Start, child care, weatherization, housing and homeless assistance, parenting education, emergency services, information and referral which allows us to look holistically at the needs of families to help them move out of poverty.
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Tuality Home Health
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March 9, 1995

Senator Bob Packwood
259 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) for
Washington County Community Action Organization (WCCAO)

Dear Senator Packwood:

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Sincerely,

Richard V. Stenson, FACHE, FACMPE
President & CEO

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March 1, 1995

Senator Mark Hatfield
771 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Helping low income Oregonians meet their energy needs

February 10, 1995

The Honorable Mark O. Hatfield
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hatfield:

I urge you to support the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program. The CSBG program supports many vital services for low income families across Oregon. The board of Oregon HEAT is very concerned that any cuts in funding for CSBG will critically damage the capacity of Oregon's Community Action Program (CAP) agencies to deliver these important services. Without CSBG funding, CAP agencies across Oregon would have to eliminate many of the core services and programs that Oregonians take for granted as the social service safety net.

I am concerned that your honorable colleagues in both the Senate and the House have persuaded themselves into believing that non-profit agencies in local communities can make up the difference in funding if the CSBG program is reduced or eliminated. Speaking with the authority of ten years of non-profit fund raising experience, and as the Executive Director of the largest non-governmental source of low income energy assistance in the state, let me assure you the fond hopes of your colleagues cannot be realized in Oregon. To put it bluntly, the private non-profit sector in Oregon does not have the capacity to replace Federal funding - not even close.

These circumstances are not a consequence of any lack of concern among Oregonians for people living in poverty. Indeed, your neighbors at home are quite generous where helping their low income neighbors is concerned (Oregon HEAT's receipts have risen by 20% this year alone). However, the giving capacity of your constituents is already approaching its upper limits, and the need continues to grow. Poverty in Oregon is a serious, growing, and expensive issue that can only *begin* to be addressed by the work of important non-profit organizations like Oregon HEAT. The CSBG program has been exemplary in its delivery of services with a minimum of red tape and low administrative overhead. **Continued funding for this program is critical.**

I urge you to play your part in protecting low income Oregonians from the disastrous effects of cutting the CSBG program.

Sincerely,

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Jay D. Formick
Executive Director

Hillsboro Oregon March 16th, 1995

Dear Senator Mark Hatfield. ^{copy -}
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^{write to} ^{Furse +}
I am writing to express my concern over the proposed cuts in funding for Community Action ^{Packman} agencies.

I live in Washington County, Oregon and have received help with my electric bill from Washington County Community Action Organization.

Without this help I wouldn't be able to pay my bill with PEE.

I urge you to support continued funding of the Community Services Block Grant.

Sincerely,

Victor Villarruel

3839 Pacific Ave. #26
Forest Grove OR 97116

Sent to Hatfield & Packwood

March 11, 1995

Rep. Elizabeth Furse
316 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Rep. Furse,

I am writing to ask for your continued support for the Community Services Block Grant program. I have seen first hand the difference that a local Community Action Agency can make.

I have been a Beaverton resident since 1988, and I'm a native Oregonian. A few years ago my heart was broken for the homeless and low income families in our community. I began to look around for a way to make an impact. I have found that through the Washington County Community Action Organization. By being a local, community based organization they are able to remain flexible and creative in their response to the needs here.

I've also seen how they have used federal funds to get private support from the community. They have been able to stretch resources and develop some innovative programs. Their philosophy of a "hand up, not a hand out" is really true. They are looking for ways to help families stabilize and achieve the goals they have set for themselves.

I was laid off from a job a few years ago and wasn't able to find another job for six months. I began to understand the fear and frustration that the needy in our community face everyday. I know that those people have a friend and an advocate in Washington County Community Action.

I urge you to continue the funding necessary to keep these programs alive in Washington County. The problems of poverty are not easily solved, but through CSBG funding there are partnerships and collaborations working to effectively and efficiently address them.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Carren Woods

15615 SW Jaylee
Beaverton, OR 97007



Russell L. Wilkinson, P.C.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Sent to Hatfield
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March 9, 1995

Representative Elizabeth Furse
316 Cannon HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Furse:

It is critical that despite the desire to "balance the budget" and "eliminate the deficit" that Congress preserve the Community Service Block Grant program that provides core funding for Community Action organizations around the country.

I am writing to you today as a Board Member of Washington County Community Action Organization (WCCAO), serving the nearly 40,000 low income people living in Washington County, Oregon. These are the key reasons that it makes good economic and social "cents" to preserve CSBG and, even, expand its funding:

- CSBG funds have a *multiplying effect*; in fiscal year 1994-95 WCCAO received \$159,638 in core funding from CSBG, which has allowed us to leverage nearly \$4 million in other funds to help address the causes and conditions of poverty in our community
- Because Community Action is *community-based and locally controlled*, we are flexible and able to respond to local needs
- CSBG funds have been used as *seed money* to operate programs to meet needs that are particular to our area; for example, WCCAO has established a emergency family shelter home, organized and operated a county-wide food bank and expanded the availability of affordable child care and housing with CSBG funds as seed money
- *Administrative costs are extremely low*; for fiscal year 94-95, WCCAO's administrative costs are at 7 1/2% and have never been above 10%

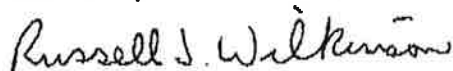
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- Community Action is *a self-help program*; our motto is "a hand up, not a hand out"; program beneficiaries are given the tools and support to help themselves
- We *advocate for partnerships* between private, public and the volunteer sectors of society, creating collaboration and greater efficiency at addressing the problems of poverty in our community
- I am one of over 500 volunteers that annually donate time to WCCAO. The agency also receives thousands of dollars of *in-kind goods and services* to help address local needs

Representative Furse, please do your best to help preserve Community Action through your support of funding for the Community Services Block Grant. Not only in Oregon, but in the entire nation, those who are most at risk are depending on you. And two-thirds of those low income people are children.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Russell L. Wilkinson
WCCAO Board of Directors

RLW/pw

Hillsboro, Or. Marzo 16 de 1995.
Estimado Sr. PACKWOOD.

Por medio de la presente hago a usted saber que somos gente pobre y debido a esto hemos pedido y obtenido ayuda de parte de las oficinas de WCCAO para pago de luz en el pasado invierno ya que en este tiempo haberes se pone difícil para trabajar debido a las temperaturas del tiempo.

Agradecemos muy cordialmente a todas las personas que están relacionadas con todas estas ayudas.

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Familia Heredia
2550 NE Parkwood St. # 8
Hillsboro, Oregon. 97125

Dear MR. Hatfield, my name is Kevin
and I live on the streets am
trying hard to find work to get
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Thax
Kevin
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c/o 2134 SW OAK
FOREST GROVE
OR. 97116

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Bob Packwood - US Senate ✓

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Dear Senator packwood,

I would like to express our gratitude to WCCAO their services have helped my family in our time of need.

Less than a year ago my family and I was hit head on by a drunk driver. I nearly died, my partner lost his career and we've been financially going down hill.

Without WCCAO we would have never made it this far, they helped when we had no food, needed energy assistance and finally after our landlord sold our house we needed to stay in their family shelter, it helped cushion the blow of being homeless! I use their phone when needed and my son is enrolled in their head start program.

We will be able to provide for our family again but we wouldn't have been able to make it if they didn't help us at our time of need. WCCAO is a very necessary service to the community and there should be more services of its kind available now that we've been in this position. I know there are many others in the same spot as well.

Sincerely

Mary Ann

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