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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 7, 1995

Mr. Richard J. Pohn
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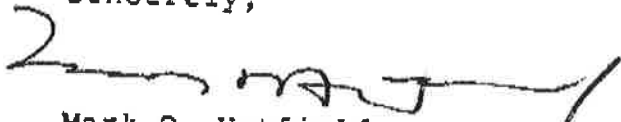
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Kind regards,

Sincerely,



Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senator

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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,

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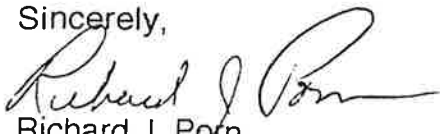
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800 Benjamin Franklin Plaza
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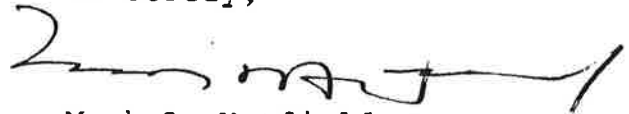
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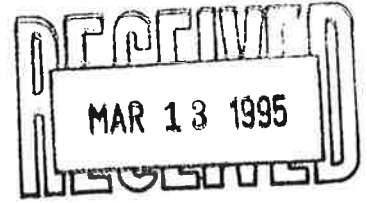


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SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR
HALLMARK, KEATING & ABBOTT, P.C.

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

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Mr. Pilar C. Kleier
19590 S.W. Celebrity
Aloha, Oregon 97007

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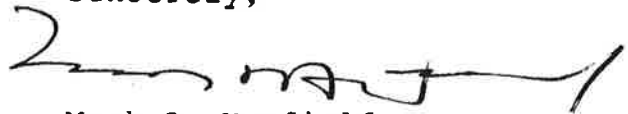
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Sent to : Furse
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March 22, 1995

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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19590 S. W. Celebrity
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March 21, 1995

Mr. Mark Landauer
Legislative Assistant
Senator Mark O. Hatfield
711 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Mhirst
Dear Mr. Landauer:

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
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Board Vice Chair

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Executive Director

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cc: David Bradley, National Community Action Foundation

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The Honorable Mark Hatfield
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

FACSIMILE: (202) 224-0276

Attention: Ken Hart

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Washington County Community Action Organization has been working with the LIHPRHA program to purchase and preserve a low income housing project in Metzger, known as The Ash Creek Apartments.

We are writing to urge you to preserve funding for the LIHPRHA program, which has been proposed for elimination in the rescission bill passed by the House. Loss of funding for the program will cause Oregon to lose thousands of existing affordable housing units, and will cause the displacement and possible homelessness of hundreds of Oregonians.

For the past year our organization has expended many staff and volunteer hours and thousands of dollars to purchase and preserve this property. We have submitted a purchase offer and are applying for financing. To rescind the program when we are so near to preservation of this much needed housing would we believe be a terrible mistake.

Please vote to restore FY 1995 funding for this very important program.

Sincerely,



Jerralynn Ness
Executive Director

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Dear MR. Hatfield, my name is Kevin
and I live on the streets am
trying hard to find work to get
out of this situation without the
help of community action I would
not have a phone or food or bread
to make my meals fundings are
very important for this place not
only for me but for everybody

Thax
Kevin
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410 2134 SW OAK
FOREST GROVE
OR. 97116

copies to: Elizabeth Furse, House of Reps.
Bob Packwood - US Senate

Dear Senator Hatfield,

3/14/95

I would like to express my gratitude to WCCAO. Their Services have helped my family in more than one way at our time of need.

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

Without WCCAO's help we would have never made it this far, they helped when we had no food, needed energy assistance, and then finally after our landlord sold our house, we needed assistance from their homeless shelter, I use their phone when needed and my son goes to Headstart.

We're on the road to regain our ability to provide for our family again, we could have never come this far without their help. They cushioned the blows. We need more services of this kind to keep families together!

Sincerely
Mary Erso

Hillsboro Oregon March 16th, 1995

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

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

With out 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

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

La presente es para agradecer las ayudas a las familias pobres del condado pues haberes es muy necesaria debido a que en algun tiempo del año se escasea el trabajo y no se puede sostener muy bien, pero gracias a diferentes oficinas de WCCAO obtener ayuda y nosotros hemos sido una de estas familias por lo cual damos a ustedes las más sinceras gracias y esperamos que ustedes sigan adelante en todos sus proyectos que de una forma o de otra ayudan a la comunidad.

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2550 NE Parkwood st. #8
Hillsboro, Oregon. 97124

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March 20, 1995

Senator Mark Hatfield

Washington, DC 20036

RE: LIHPRHA Appropriations

Dear Senator Hatfield,

As you know from our 40 year relationship, I am a small builder in Portland. I build about 30 houses a year and have in prior years built apartments. Between 1969 and 1973 I built 3 HUD projects known as 221D3's and 236's. These are projects that have below market interest rates and subsidies from the Federal Government to help low and moderate income families have a decent home environment. When these projects were built, it was with the clear understanding that after 20 years, I would be able to pay off the existing HUD-insured mortgages and convert these projects to market rents.

In approximately 1989, Congress passed a law which basically said I could not sell these projects. Again in 1992, Congress passed another law that said apartment owners like me could sell these projects with a long list of special conditions. The concern of Congress was that if these projects were sold and converted to market rate rental units, that the people living in them would be displaced due to the higher rents. Although there are reams of rules and regulations about allowing owners to sell these projects, the only practical sales approach is to an approved non-profit organization.

I understand that the House Appropriations Subcommittee voted last month to rescind \$465 million of the remaining funds allocated to LIHPRHA in prior years. I feel that if passed on the full House floor and the Senate, that this would be egregiously unfair given the significant resources and time most owners allocated to complying with the law. In my case, I have been working on selling and refinancing my projects since the summer of 1993. I have spent an inordinate amount of time and energy trying to sell these projects. If the rescision of the \$465 million is stopped in the Senate, it will still be another year before I can complete the journey through the red tape needed to sell these projects. Wouldn't you agree it is unfair that once again Congress is venturing to change the rules again?

I would like to know your position on this issue prior to Friday's hearing. If you have any questions about the details of the HUD projects, please contact me at 503-641-0935.

Yours truly,


Dale C. DeHartport

Karla Follestad
8416 SW 184th Loop
Aloha, Or 97007

Senator Mark Hatfield
711 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Mark Hatfield:

Hello. I am writing to urge you, in your role as Chair of the Appropriations Committee, to support continued funding of the Community Services Block Grant. In question is funding of the current third and fourth quarters of the Block Grant; and, the budgeting of next year's grant at the same level. The possibility of cuts in funding, given The House of Representatives current agenda, is creating a mood of anxiety for constituents like myself, who view the community actions as providing necessary services to those in real need.

I have lived in Washington County for two years and have been impressed with Washington County Community Action Organization's contributions. The organization manages a wide variety of social programs and services, such as Head Start, a family homeless shelter, and, an information and referral line for the community. It's to the agency's credit that it is community based: using volunteer help and accepting in-kind donations. The services are primarily oriented to low-income families; but, we know they are not handouts, but necessities.

I thank you for you time and consideration Senator Hatfield; please keep me informed as to the progress of the Community Services Block Grant. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Tuality Healthcare

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March 9, 1995

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Chemical Dependency
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Healthcare Foundation**
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Re: Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) for
Washington County Community Action Organization (WCCAO)

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We hope you will continue to support this locally controlled organization which is flexible and responsible to local needs and able to leverage high levels of private support.

Sincerely,

Richard V. Stenson, FACHE, FACMPE
President & CEO

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Sent to Packwood
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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,

Jay D. Formick
Executive Director

Donna Bennington
1615 SE Alder
Hillsboro, OR 97123

Senator Mark Hatfield
711 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

March 14, 1995

Dear Senator Hatfield:

I am writing this letter in support of Washington County Community Action Organization, commonly known as WCCAO. I have been an employee of WCCAO for the past 14 years and therefore familiar with many of the services that are provided to our local community.


CSBG funds are not WCCAO's only source of funding. For example during fiscal year 1994-95, WCCAO received \$159,638 in CSBG funds and used that seed money to leverage \$3,790,575 in additional grants and financial contributions to run the various programs under the WCCAO umbrella. The administrative costs for the same year are at 7 1/2% and have never been over 10%.

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WCCAO believes in giving "a hand up, not a hand out." Therefore our services are geared towards giving low income families tools and support to break the cycle of poverty and improve self-sufficiency skills.

I am asking your support in continuing to provide CSBG funds as seed money to WCCAO.

Sincerely:



Donna Bennington

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711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hatfield,

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 Mark Hatfield
March 17, 1995
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On behalf of Washington County Community Action Organization and the residents of Ash Creek Apartments, I ask you to actively seek continued funding of the HUD multi-family preservation program. I also urge you to work to ensure that any changes to the HUD preservation program be made with the intent of facilitating sales to community based non-profit organizations who will keep the housing permanently affordable for low and very-low income Oregonians.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leon Laptok". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping tail.

Leon Laptok
Housing & Energy Director

MARK O. HATFIELD

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 7, 1995

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

Dear Ms. Sherrard:

Thank you for taking the time to get in touch with me. I found your comments very interesting and welcome this opportunity to respond to your concerns.

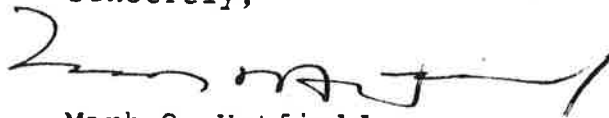
The Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG) provides grants to states and Indian tribal organizations to fund a wide range of services and activities to reduce poverty, including services to address employment, education, better use of available income, housing assistance, nutrition, energy, emergency services, health, and anti-drug needs. Grantees include 57 states and territories and 70 Indian Tribes and tribal organizations. Subgrants are made by states to approximately 1100 Community Action Agencies and limited purpose agencies.

As you may know, we have a serious federal deficit which must be resolved. However, for fiscal year 1995, Congress appropriated approximately \$473 million for this program. As the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, be assured that I will continue to work to maintain funding for this important program.

Thank you again for writing. I am always eager for your input, and I hope you will continue to share your views with me in the months and years ahead.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,



Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senator

MOH/kmc

Sent to Pickwood
Purse

March 1, 1995

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

Dear Senator Hatfield,

I am writing this letter to express my concern over the proposed cuts to the Community Services Block Grant and community action programs. I encourage you to continue your support of these vital programs.

Washington County Community Action Organization (WCCAO) offers low income families and individuals the help they need and truly deserve. When a family needs help, they can go to WCCAO and receive a range of services, from Head Start to energy assistance to shelter. Answers to questions about social service resources are only a phone call away because they have a 24-hour, bilingual information and referral service.

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 continue to 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



Connie Sherrard
1027 S. Beech
Cornelius, Oregon 97113

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Estimado: Senador Mark Hatfield

Mi familia y yo hemos recibido
ayuda, por que tenemos necesidades
y pedimos que no dejen de ayudar a
otras personas porque como yo y otras
personas estan necesitadas.

Mi cuñada recibio ayuda de "Luz"
Porque ahora ella no tiene trabajo
y tubo que acudir a (WCCAO)
y muchas gracias por estas
ayudas que nos ayudan a toda
la comunidad.

Att.

Maribel Ruiz?

3-14-95

Estimado :

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Senator Mark Hatfield.

Mi familia y yo hemos recibido ayuda de WCCAO debido a que somos de bajos recursos o sueldos bajos.

La ayuda que hemos recibido nos ha servido de mucho ya que nos han ayudado cuando lo necesitamos ya sea a pagar nuestra luz o renta.

WCCAO. Ayuda mucho a la comunidad y quisiera hacerle la petición de que reconsiderara su decisión.

Mi nombre es Isabel Velarde y vivo en Hillsboro Or.

Espero reciba mi petición y la tome en cuenta.

Atentamente

Isabel Velarde. Gracias