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March 21, 1995

Ms. Carolyn Bourdeaux
Legislative Assistant
Representative Ron Wyden
1111 Longworth Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Carolyn
Dear Ms. Bourdeaux:

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.

John Pearson will work with Representative Wyden's staff in Portland to arrange a visit to one of our Community Action project sites in Multnomah County. We hope this will work out in his schedule when he returns home this April. We will also make sure that David Bradley, Executive Director of the National Community Action Foundation, arranges a meeting with Representative Wyden.

We appreciate your offer to stay in touch by phone when we have items of concern to bring to Representative Wyden's attention. Thank you for your interest and receptiveness.

Sincerely,

Cindy Hirst
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Board Vice Chair

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cc: David Bradley, National Community Action Foundation

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March 8, 1995

Rep. Ron Wyden
1111 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Community Services Block Grant Program

Dear Rep. Wyden,

Although not in District 3 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.


I have also come to learn the admin. costs for 1994-95 are at only 7 1/2 % and have never been over 10%.

If ever their has been an example of a community based, locally controlled organization, which has over 500 volunteers, and is the principle link with private and public interests, this is it.

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 9, 1995

Rep. Ron Wyden (District 3)
1111 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Representative Wyden:

I have been pleased to serve on the WCCAO Board for the past two years. I wholeheartedly endorse our philosophy of a "hand up, not a hand out". Our services touch the lives of thousands of low income households, annually giving them the tools and the support they need to break the cycle of poverty and achieve self-sufficiency.

WCCAO brings 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. WCCAO has been uniquely 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.

With over 500 volunteers who annually donate time to WCCAO and thousands of dollars of in-kind goods, we have been able to limit administrative costs for fiscal year 1994-95 operations to 7 1/2%; they have never been above 10%.

Community Service Block Grant (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. These 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.

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.

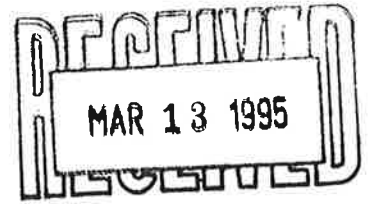
Sincerely,

Richard V. Stenson, FACHE, FACMPE
President & CEO

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*Sent to Hatfield
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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.
- Our philosophy is a "hand up, not a hand out". Our services touch the lives of thousands of low income households annually giving them the tools and the support they need to break the cycle of poverty and achieve self-sufficiency.

Sent to : Furse
Hatfield
Wright ✓

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

Pilar C. Kleier
19590 S. W. Celebrity
Aloha, OR 97007



Sent to Packwood
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Furse ✓

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



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

Sent to Hatfield
Ashwood
Wyden

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 *multiplier 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%

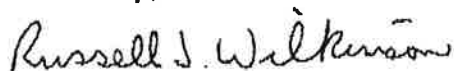
Representative Elizabeth Furse
March 9, 1995
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- Community Action is *a self-help program*; our motto is "a hand up, not a hand out"; program beneficiaries are given the tools and support to help themselves
- We *advocate for partnerships* between private, 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

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