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**ELIZABETH FURSE**

1ST DISTRICT, OREGON

April 11, 1995

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Pilar C. Kleier  
19590 SW Celebrity St  
Aloha, OR 97007-2929

Dear Pilar:

Thank you for contacting my office supporting funding for community block grant programs. I appreciated hearing from you.

I agree with you that community development programs play a vital role assisting local governments, charity organizations and citizens to break the cycle of poverty by offering a helping hand in the form of food baskets, funds for home heating bills and affordable housing to low-income individuals and families. As often is the case, local resources are not enough to provide the services needed by the thousands of people who turn to the community for help.

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Elizabeth Furse  
Member of Congress

*Thanks  
for writing.*

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Sent to : Furse ✓  
Hatfield  
Wagner

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

**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 *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%

Representative Elizabeth Furse

March 9, 1995

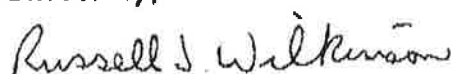
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- Community Action is *a self-help program*; our motto is "a hand up, not a hand out"; program beneficiaries are given the tools and support to help themselves
- We *advocate for partnerships* between private, public and the volunteer sectors of society, 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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Mr. Robert C. Shoemaker  
800 Benjamin Franklin Plaza  
One Southwest Columbia  
Portland, OR 97258

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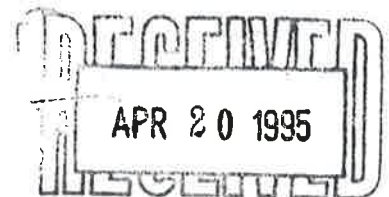
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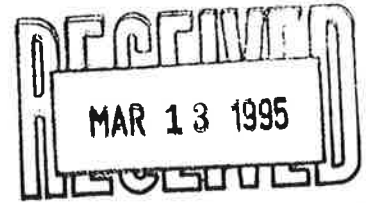
*Bob -  
Thanks for  
your letter.  
WCAO does  
great work.  
Over only hope  
is the Senate now.*

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*Sent to Hatfield  
Wyden  
Purse ✓*

ROBERT C. SHOEMAKER  
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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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Ms. Connie Sherrard  
1027 South Beech  
Cornelius, OR 97113

Dear Ms. Sherrard:

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March 1, 1995

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316 Cannon Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

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Mr. Richard J. Porn, President  
Western Realty Advisors  
15455 NW Greenbrier Pkwy  
Beaverton, OR 97006

Dear Richard:

Thank you for contacting my office supporting funding for community-block grant programs. I appreciated hearing from you.

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**Western Realty  
Advisors**

March 8, 1995

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316 Cannon HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Community Services Block Grant Program

Dear Rep. Furse,

I feel I am writing a real friend of 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.

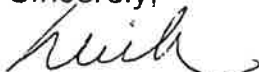
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Sincerely,



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Hillsboro Oregon March 16th, 1995

Dear Senator Mark Hatfield. <sup>copy -</sup> also he  
write to Furse +  
I am writing to express my concern over the propo  
sed cuts in funding for Community Action <sup>Parkwood</sup> 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 PGE.

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

Sincerely,

Victor Villaruel

3839 Pacific ave. #26  
Forest Grove OR 97116

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  
Jillard

c/o 2134 SW OAK  
FOREST GROVE  
OR. 97116

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Bob Packwood - US Senate

*Sent to Hatfield & Packwood*

March 11, 1995

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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.

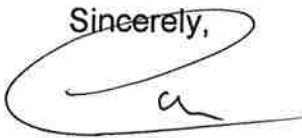
I've also seen how they have used federal funds to get private support from the community. They have been able to stretch resources and develop some innovative programs. Their philosophy of a "hand up, not a hand out" is really true. They are looking for ways to help families stabilize and achieve the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

Sent to Pickwood  
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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Formick".

Jay D. Formick  
Executive Director



# Tuality Healthcare

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Hillsboro, OR 97123-0309  
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March 9, 1995

Rep. Elizabeth Furse (District I)  
316 Cannon HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Sincerely,

Richard V. Stenson, FACHE, FACMPE  
President & CEO

RVS:cc

# WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION

451 S. First Ave., Suite 700, Hillsboro, OR 97123  
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Client Assistance - 648-0829

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## Program Services

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March 21, 1995

The Honorable Elizabeth Furse  
316 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

*Elizabeth*  
Dear Representative Furse:

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 be in touch with your staff to arrange a multiple county community action presentation when you're home in April. We are looking forward to painting a picture of the work we are doing to help families and individuals move out of poverty in Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill counties. Also, we will make sure that David Bradley, Executive Director of the National Community Action Foundation, arranges a visit with you.

We wish you the very best with your work in Congress. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

*Cindy Hirst*  
Cindy Hirst  
Board Vice Chair

*Jerralynn Ness*  
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Executive Director

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cc: David Bradley, National Community Action Foundation

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March 21, 1995

Ms. Jennie Kugel  
Chief of Staff  
Representative Elizabeth Furse  
316 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ms. *Jennie* Kugel:

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 will be in touch with Elizabeth's staff in Portland to arrange a multiple county community action presentation when she's home in April. Also, we will make sure that David Bradley, Executive Director of the National Community Action Foundation, arranges a visit with Elizabeth.

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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cc: David Bradley, National Community Action Foundation

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Hillsboro, Or. Marzo 16 de 1995.  
Estimada Sra. FURSE.

Me refiero a usted muy cordialmente para darle las gracias por su empeño en apoyar a las oficinas que dan servicios de ayuda a las personas que lo necesitan en tiempos, por falta de trabajo, por el tiempo no permite trabajar o debido a casos muy especiales en los cuales se necesita ayuda y es muy satisfactorio para todas las familias de escasos recursos saber que hay oficinas en las cuales pueden obtener comida, ropa, ayuda para pago de luz ayuda para buscar donde vivir etc. etc. muy especial de la oficina WCCAO.

Me despido de usted esperando seguir contando con su generosa ayuda para con esta oficina.

Atte.

Fam. Heredia  
2550 NE Parkwood st. # 8  
Hillsboro, Oregon - 97124

March 13, 1995

Rep. Elizabeth Furse  
314 Cannon HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Furse,

I am writing this letter to express my concern regarding the potential cuts in funding that could affect community action agencies. As an advocate and direct provider of social services to low-income families, I strongly urge you to vote against these proposed cuts. In my work with low-income families, I have seen the tremendous impact these funds have promoted. I have seen families go from homelessness to housing stabilization, from welfare to employment and self-sufficiency, from hopelessness to a promising future. This is the direct effect these funds have on our families the most important life of dignity and self-respect. It is my hope that, as my representative, you will hear my request to continue to improve

living conditions for our families thru  
continued funding support. I thank  
you for your time and interest in this  
most crucial matter.

Sincerely,  
Olivia Estrada, Case Manager  
Washington County Community Action