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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Ms. Jerralynn Ness
Executive Director
Washington County Community
Action Organization
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Dear Ms. Ness:

Thanks for contacting me. You are not alone in expressing your support for funding for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). I have heard from community leaders from around Oregon regarding this matter.

I have continually been a strong supporter of the CDBG program. Last fall, as Congress was considering the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reform package, a controversial provision targeting and restricting CDBG's in certain areas was included. The new package would have decreased the amount of grants given to Oregon. In response, I contacted the appropriate Committee members expressing my opposition to this change in the CDBG program. The final HUD reform package was passed without this controversial provision.

I certainly agree that CDBG funds are vital to community development around the state. Be assured of my continued commitment to seeing that the CDBG program -- which supports low and moderate income families and communities in our state -- is adequately funded. When reauthorization comes before the full Senate for consideration, I will keep your positive experience with this program in mind.

Thanks again for being in touch. As always, your work for the people of Oregon is most appreciated.

Sincerely,


BOB PACKWOOD

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