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# Memo

**To:** Members of the Senate Revenue Committee  
**From:** Ryan Fisher & Phil Donovan  
On Behalf of the Community Action Partnership of Oregon  
**Date:** March 11, 2011  
**Re:** Support Senate Bill 349

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## **SB 349 - Help Eradicate Poverty in Oregon**

On behalf of the Community Action Partnership of Oregon (CAPO), we write to lend our support to Senate Bill 349. Community Action is dedicated to eliminating the causes and conditions of poverty that exist in Oregon. Within our respective local communities, we are in the trenches daily working to meet the tremendous need that is present today.

Too many hardworking families, seniors and people with disabilities relying on fixed incomes are being forced to choose between rent, food, medicine and other basic necessities as a result of the recession and rising medical costs. We need your help to end this trend.

We can alleviate poverty by increasing the Oregon Income Tax Credit (EITC). This tax credit specifically relieves the tax burden for low-income working Oregonians living below the federal poverty level. It simply does not make sense to tax the "poorest of the poor."

Please join CAPO and those fighting daily to end poverty in supporting SB 349. Thank you for your consideration.