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Senate Human Services Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Committee Members:

RE: SB 606 - Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act

Centro Latino Americano asks you to pass SB 606, the Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act. Your support is critical to the health of the nonprofit sector and the communities they serve.

Our organization's mission is to support the lives of Latinx and immigrant community members by creating a safe space that fosters leadership, education, wellness, and connection. As a culturally specific organization, we are often called on to partner with the State of Oregon in order to ensure access to information, services, and resources for the Spanish-speaking and immigrant residents of Lane County. Our organization has existing relationships of trust within the community, along with a team that is representative of the community served. This allows us to serve clients who would otherwise not access these essential services.

Significant issues we face when working with the State of Oregon as a grantee or contractor are the low cap on administrative costs we are allowed to invoice, complicated reporting requirements, and challenges retaining staff because of better wage rates in other sectors. Passing this act will ensure a more fair administrative rate (preferably at least 15%), changes to reporting systems that make work more manageable and allow us to focus on service provision, and an increased ability to maintain a workforce that is paid a living, competitive wage.

Centro Latino Americano thanks you for your time and consideration of SB 606.

Sincerely,

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