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The Honorable William D. Grannell
Chairman, House Revenue Committee
Oregon State Legislature
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Representative Grannell:

This is to urge your and your Committee's support for the passage of HB 2670. This bill will provide for the type of positive incentive needed to assure continued revitalization of urban neighborhoods throughout the State.

I have seen the results of work carried out by Neighborhood Associations in north and northwest Portland. Sagging business districts have been turned around bringing positive economic gains for the area, streets have been paved, housing rehabilitated, cooperation between residential blocks and the police have all come about as a result of the work of Neighborhood Associations. Strong viable neighborhood associations ensure that needed local projects are given priority without the risk of being lost at a larger level of government. Many of the projects that have brought economic gains and jobs to the neighborhood areas have been a result of thousands of hours put in by local businessmen and women on a volunteer basis. HB 2670 will allow those same business people to provide fiscal leverage and ensure continued strong involvement by local people in their community.

I would urge your support and passage of HB 2670.

Sincerely,

Mike Burton

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