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MEMORANDUM

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TO: CADO Members  
FROM: Jerry Bieberle  
RE: Visits With Legislators

I am sending you a packet which I hope will assist you as you visit with your local legislators. If you are not sure which legislators you should visit, give me a call.

Enclosed in your packet is:

- A copy of the *CADO 1999 Legislative Strategy* paper.
- Several copies of the Housing Lobby Coalition's *Addressing Oregon's Housing Crisis*.
- A copy of CADO's paper on *Assistance for the Homeless*.
- A copy of CADO's paper on the history of funding for homeless assistance programs.
- A copy of the sample letter to the Governor seeking support for housing and homeless assistance funding.
- A copy of the *CADO Legislator Visit Report*.

If you need additional copies of any of these papers, please contact me, but for the most part you can make photo copies as you need them.

Note, the Legislative Committee is working on a paper discussing what outcomes can be expected if increases in funding for SHAP and EHA are approved. Once that paper is finalized it will be sent to you.

Feel free to contact me as you prepare to visiting with your legislator, I might be able to give you some insights or helpful hints.

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One tip, as a test, I discussed our agenda with some selected legislators. It was their advice to make sure you emphasize how increases in affordable housing, and increases in homeless assistance programs, will help families and working people to become more self reliant and less dependent on government assistance.

If you find a legislator that is supportive of our agenda, ask him or her to write a letter to the Governor asking that he include funding in his budget.

So that the Legislative Committee can get a sense of how our agenda is being received, please send me a copy of your report after you make a visit.

If you have any questions, or need more information, please contact me.