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PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU

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Dear Homeowner:

My name is Jon Gail and I work for the Portland Housing Bureau (PHB). I am writing to let you know that PHB has programs to help homeowners in your neighborhood.

One program I wanted to make sure you know about is the Home Repair Program. This program helps homeowners who need to make critical repairs to their homes, but can't afford to make them. Critical repairs include fixing electrical hazards, replacing leaky roofs, removing mold, repairing failing porches, and addressing other health and safety concerns. To learn more about the program, please see the enclosed flyer. For an application, call Heidi Martin at 503-823-3400 or you can e-mail her at <u>nh@portlandoregon.gov</u>.

PHB also funds a program to help low-income seniors living in North and Northeast Portland keep their homes. This free service is available from the Minority Homeownership Assistance Collaborative (MHAC). MHAC is a strategic partnership of the African American Alliance for Homeownership, Hacienda Community Development Corporation, Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), and the Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives (PCRI). If you are 55 or older and concerned about foreclosure, please call Shalonda Menefee at 503-288-2923 extension123 or you can e-mail her at Shalonda@pcrihome.org. Shalonda will work with you to create a plan to keep your home and access other local programs that might be able to help you.

PHB and the programs we fund are equal opportunity housing programs. If you do not need or qualify for these programs, please share this information with your neighbors who may need help.

Sincerely,

Jon Gail

Jon Gail Senior Community Outreach and Info Representative

