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March 26, 2010

Emily Matasar Deputy Auditor City of Portland 1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 310 Portland, OR 97204

Dear Emily,

I am writing to formally request an opportunity to address Portland City Council on April  $21^{st}$ , 2010.

April 18-24 is National Volunteer Week, and I would like to briefly call attention to childhood literacy needs in the region, and urge a renewed spirit of volunteerism and civic engagement among residents and community leaders.

SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) is a nationally-recognized, community-funded nonprofit that partners with a statewide network of educators, volunteers, and advocates to help Oregon's children become confident readers. Since 1992 SMART has served 130,000 children, given away 1.8 million books, and enlisted the help of 90,000 volunteers contributing more than 2.8 million volunteer hours.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Terry Shanley CEO, SMART

Request of Terry Shanley, Start Making a Reader Today to address Council regarding childhood literacy, volunteerism and civic engagement (Communication)

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