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National Security is Not Just About Investing in the Military

BY MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND The Children's Defense Fund understands and supports the need for homeland security.

a job, from not knowing where the next meal is coming from or whether they'll have a roof over their head.

more he can do to improve the lives of many more Americans. There are nearly 12 million children living in poverty in America.

no more hungry, homeless, poor children. For the annual cost of what the President has already approved in tax cuts to the top one percent of taxpayers,

all across this nation. We must stop making it so difficult for low-income working families to be self-sufficient.

school ready to learn and succeed. If he is serious about leaving no child behind, he should put considerable investment in the reauthorization of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Avoid Cuts That Hurt America's Most Vulnerable Citizens

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is a statewide association of 17 Christian denominations including Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox bodies working together to improve the lives of Oregonians through theological education and dialogue,

to avoid program cuts that hurt Oregon's most vulnerable citizens. The group is strongly urging state leaders to preserve the safety net of services that ensure the well-being and future of all Oregonians

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—David Leslie, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. bate Oregon's recession and prolong its fiscal and social problems. It calls on state leaders not "to rob Peter to pay Paul" by cutting educa-

state's most vulnerable citizens will continue to be at risk to cuts in critical services," said David Leslie, executive director. "We have the obligation to act in a way that does not place short term political gains over long term needs."

resources and conservation will decrease the need for oil, minimizing the need to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon believes that the religious principles of stewardship and justice calls people of faith to preserve the environment and protect this area of Alaska that is considered sacred by Gwich'in Indians of northeast Alaska and northwest Canada.

THERE'S GOING TO BE A NEW SHERIFF IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY and we are supporting him. Join us. Bernie Giusto, Candidate for Sheriff, thanks the following for endorsing his candidacy.

Get Involved to Stop HIV/AIDS The leader of the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization is helping raise awareness about the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the African American community.

OREGON'S SMOKEFREE WORKPLACE LAW A NEW LAW EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2002 UNDER OREGON'S NEW LAW MOST WORKPLACES ARE REQUIRED TO BE SMOKEFREE.