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From: Mary Jane Shows
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To: Jane Pierson
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I sent this to Mary Ann Shows email address as listed on Rep Seaton's email, but it came back and said there was no such email address. Maybe they left off the s.

I have property in Oregon. I participate in the Midstate Electric program to "Round-up" my bill each month and the money goes to a variety of social services. Since my bill is often a round number like the \$18 a month utilities charge, I receive a discount for prompt payment, that amount is then rounded up and goes to the charities. It is a win-win situation. I don't really notice the change and maybe it comes to \$5 a year, but I am sure it adds up when every customer participates. If you have not already researched the other utilities that use this concept, you should check in with Midstate Electric in Oregon. They are actually donating the amount they would be gifting their customers for paying on time. They could be charging a late fee instead. So it is pretty cool for them to support their community this way and it probably saves them money because their customers enjoying paying on time.

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