



*Director of Veterans' Affairs*

**OREGON VETERANS' BUILDING**

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Governor Atiyeh

December 23, 1986

Dear Governor Atiyeh:

I would just like to take a few moments of your time -- mainly to say "thank you".

Two years ago you took a chance on a person you knew little or nothing about, and appointed him Director of Veterans' Affairs. I guess you were willing to take a little risk.

Two years have gone by and I hope I haven't disappointed you or violated your trust. It really hasn't been the easiest two years of my life, but certainly the two most exciting and challenging.

I think we have accomplished a great deal and without the lawsuits, I think we would be in a much better position today.

Most people will soon forget the accomplishments of the Atiyeh administration, but a few will watch the next few years and look back at the foundation that was put in place. Some will give credit where properly due, others will just fail to mention it.

You have certainly been good for Oregon and I certainly won't forget to give you credit for building a better tomorrow for all of us in Oregon. I will also remember you as the man who took a chance and gave me an opportunity.

Peg, Leah, Philip, and I wish you and Mrs. Atiyeh the very best in the future. I hope there is some way to stay in contact.

Sincerely,

  
Jon A. Mangis  
Director