

October 25, 2004

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Dear Mr. Atiyeh,

First, I have the utmost respect for you and for the job you did as Governor during difficult times.

Your letter in opposition to measure 38 says you're annoyed at Liberty's attempt to trick Oregonians into voting against their best interests. It is unfortunate that you are not annoyed more often and that you do not to speak out with greater force about your annoyance.

Were you not annoyed that SAIF's former chief executive, a political appointee, was paid a middle six figure salary to run an operation with virtually no competition, no need to promote or advertise, develop new products, sell, make a profit or pay taxes? SAIF's mandate was to have the lowest price and take orders from customers who were required to buy. Did it not annoy you that SAIF was making substantial under the table payments to Neil Goldshmitt and Larry Campbell or that SAIF defied attempts by the ethics commission and the court to release its records of these and other activities, likely in violation of state law?

Permit me to provide a partial list of things that have annoyed me. Neil Goldschmidt's scuttling of the Mt. Hood freeway after the land had been acquired and partially cleared and diverting the funds to the transit mall in order to curry the favor of Jimmy Carter and secure an appointment to his cabinet. The appointment of Jane Cease to head DMV, a job for which she was unqualified. She squandered as much as one hundred million dollars buying the department inappropriate data processing equipment. The PERS directors, PERS beneficiaries themselves, who persisted in using an outdated mortality table to fraudulently increase the benefits paid to state retirees. Eric Sten's repeat of the Jane Cease fiasco with the water bureau billing system, estimated cost thirty million dollars. The Vera Katz, Marshall Glickman, PGE Park boondoggle, cost unknown. The OEA's control of the Democrat party and as result teacher pay, working conditions, fringe benefits, hours, discipline, work rules, etc.. The influence of the Goldschmidt family in directing state retirement trust money to the purchase of PGE and the attendant appointment of Neil Goldschmidt to be CEO. This is only a fraction of my annoyances.

You have the respect and admiration of all Oregonians. You can do us all a service by speaking out more often about government, its frequent failures and occasional successes.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Robison,

You asked how come I do not become annoyed more often. Well, let me count the ways you and I agree----plus a little more:

- **SAIF'S former chief executive's exorbitant salary? *Annoyed, you bet!***
- **Goldschmidt's and Campbell's outrageous monthly payments? *Annoyed & angered!***
- **Goldschmidt's stopping the Mt. Hood freeway? *Absolutely annoyed!***
- **Jane Cease, PERS directors, Eric Sten, PGE park boondoggle, OEA's stranglehold on the democrats----and Goldschmidt once more? *Annoyed, annoyed, annoyed, etc.!***

And how about the Multnomah County Chairman and her cohorts secretly allowing same sex marriages and giving extra pay last winter!

And what do you say about Goldschmidt's sex with a fourteen year old girl. Or what comments do you have about President Clinton's lie to all of us on the TV then later to the courts about committing sodomy in the Oval Office!

My----and your----cup overfloweth!!!!

But I did my thing time and again in my twenty-eight year of public life----annoyance, frustration, sadness and all. Now, at 81, I can only fight arrogance, elitism or greed one at a time.

And by the way, thanks for your kind first sentence and entire letter.

Sincerely,



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