



February 13, 2008

The Honorable Victor Atiyeh, Member Board of Directors Atiyeh Brothers, Inc. 15116 SE Division Street Portland, Oregon 97202-1142

Dear Governor Atiyeh,

The Marshall Legacy Institute (MLI), a non-profit organization based in Arlington, Virginia, recently received a letter from the Commander of the Lebanese Armed Forces, requesting that MLI, provide mine detection dogs to replace dogs MLI gave the LAF in February 2001 to "sniff out" landmines and to save and improve the lives of those living in landmine threatened communities. The older dogs have served the people of Lebanon well and now deserve retirement.

To respond to this request, MLI and the International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims' Assistance - a non-profit organization operating out of Slovenia - will co-host the Legacy of Hope charity golf tournament and dinner in Ojai, CA on March 10, 2008.

The two organizations, both of which have been supporting mine-affected countries for over a decade, will use the proceeds from the golf tournament and dinner to provide the requested lifesaving dogs to Lebanon. We would be delighted if you, as a member of the Board of the American Task Force for Lebanon, could support our efforts and join us in playing golf on a spectacular course with professional golfers from the Sr. PGA Tour, followed by a reception and dinner with our donors & friends, and enjoy the excellent accommodations of the Ojai Valley Inn and Spa. Please visit our website www.mligolf.org for additional information. Lebanese Ambassador Antoine Chedid will be the guest speaker at the dinner.

The "Partnership for Lebanon", consisting of Cisco, Ghafari Associates, Intel, Microsoft and Occidental Petroleum, is among

the many supporters of this project. If there is any way you can attend and support this cause, please try to join us. We would be deeply grateful.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this request to help us make Lebanon a safer and better place for children to play, people to work and communities to grow without the fear of landmines.

Please let me know if you would like to join us in this effort. I can be reached at dpatierno@cox.net or via my cell phone at 571-238-1483.

Thank you.

Pat Patierno

Tournament Co-Director

International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance