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# A get-well card

Vic Atiyeh has been in and out of the hospital in Portland a few times lately. We wish him a full recovery and many more years in his admirable life.

Atiyeh did a lot for the people in Oregon during his two terms as governor, not because of style or gimmicks but because of his competent leadership and business sense.

After one election during which he had campaigned against raising taxes, the bottom fell out of the Oregon economy. Atiyeh had to figure out some way to keep the state as a whole going, not just the state government. He swallowed hard, realized

that circumstances had changed and supported a surtax, against vigorous opposition from some in his own party.

At 82, Atiyeh had a heart attack and a bypass operation in August. He had to go back to the hospital twice, the second time last week.

It is not necessarily customary to write this kind of editorial while a former leader is still with us. But why not? In case he gets wind of this, we'd like him to know how much his leadership and practical service to the state were appreciated. We'd like him to know while he's living, not after he's gone. (hh)

SEP 20, 2005  
 HASSO HERING



VICTOR ATIYEH  
 GOVERNOR  
 1979-1987

NOVEMBER 7, 2005

DEAR HASSO ~~~~~  
 YOUR CRITICISMS & GENEROUS EDITORIAL FINALLY GOT  
 TO ME. YEARS AGO WHEN I WOULD GET PULLED IN I TOLD  
 DOUGES - "DON'T WORRY, THEY WILL SAY NICE THINGS AT  
 MY FUNERAL". WELL - YOU BEAT THEM TO THE  
 PUNCH!  
 IT IS HARD NOT TO GET UPSET BUT WHAT YOU  
 WROTE IS ONE OF MY SPECIAL TREASURES & WILL REMAIN  
 IN THAT (JIM) FILE.  
 SIMPLY - & HEARTILY - THANK YOU ~~~~~  
 Vic