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TO: Affiliated Unions & Interested Parties

FROM: R. G. "BOB" KENNEDY

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Subject: Recall Governor Atiyeh

This letter is to rescind the actions requested in my letter to you of August 5th. The following is the complete press release by the "Committee To Recall Atiyeh" of August 19, 1980 which is self-explanatory. I apologize for any inconvenience I may have caused any of the parties involved.

"A recall of Oregon Governor Victor Atiyeh has been called off by the committee which launched the effort."

"We met recently with the Governor and discussed our disagreements with him and developed at least an understanding of what our positions are and where we disagree", a Committee spokesperson said.

"We still feel strongly that Governor Atiyeh was wrong in refusing to implement an arbitration award won last year by State corrections employees at the Oregon State Penitentiary, Oregon Women's Correctional Center and Juvenile Parole officers", the spokesperson said.

However, there is disagreement on whether the Governor publicly stated that he will go before the legislature to repeal the State's arbitration laws, which would make it necessary for public safety employees (police, firefighters and prison guards) to go on strike to resolve contract issues.

The Governor assured the Committee that he had never made the statement that he would ask the Legislature to repeal the State's arbitration laws. He has stated he will continue to support all of the State's collective bargaining laws for public employees.

The Committee concluded that the meeting with the Governor and the withdrawal of the Recall are positive efforts to clear the board, move ahead, and develop better communications and understanding in labor relations and other areas of economic concerns to Oregonians."

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