

Letters

Served their state

To the Editor: Recently, Gov. Neil Goldschmidt made a statement characterizing the members of boards and commissions under my administration as constituting "mass mediocrity." That was a sweeping indictment not worthy of the person elected as our highest state official.

I just want all citizens of Oregon who agreed to serve their state on a board or commission to know that I thank them. They were not thinking of themselves but of their state. They took time from their businesses and families to expose themselves to the demands of public service. I know the talents they brought to our state government. They worked conscientiously at the task before them. They were the kind that gave to our society, as well as our beloved state.

I am proud of them. Proud that they served my administration and proud of the product of their efforts. They deserve a medal, not an insult.

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