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January 21, 1981

Armando Laguardia, Chairperson Metropolitan Human Relations Commission Corbett Building, Room 312 430 S. W. Morrison St. Portland, OR 97204

Thank you for your letter expressing your support of efforts to fight racial harassment in the State of Oregon.

I believe with citizens such as yourselves and a law that directly addresses the problem, we can begin to control and eventually eliminate acts of racial harassment.

Your support is both welcomed and appreciated.

Sincerely,

Victor Atiyeh Governor

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Metropolitan Human Relations Commission

Multnomah County • City of Portland January 14, 1981

The Honorable Victor Atiyeh Governor of Oregon 207 State Capitol Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Governor Atiyeh:

The Metropolitan Human Relations Commission would like to thank you for speaking out against racism and bigotry in your address at the opening session of the 1981 Oregon Legislature. The Human Relations Commission has been extremely concerned about the lack of attention that elected leaders have given to the increase in racial tensions in our communities. We believe that a silent community creates an environment of covert support for racist movements to grow and flourish in Oregon. We appreciate your leadership in this area. Hopefully, others will follow.

We are also very supportive of your proposed legislation to make racial harassment a felony in the State of Oregon. You can be assured that our Commission will work towards the passage of this important piece of legislation.

Again, thank you for your commitment and visible support for the alleviation of racial tensions in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Chairperson

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January 16, 1981

Governor Victor Atiyeh State Capitol Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Governor Atiyeh:

I strongly support your proposal for legislation making acts of racial harassment a felony. Even if legislation is not passed, I respect you for taking a strong stand on this issue. It is important for the leadership of this state and of this country to stand up and say, "All human beings must be respected. All human beings have dignity and worth. All life is precious."

Thanks again for this strong stand. I admire you for it.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Slaven Assistant Superintendent

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842 N.E. Portland Blvd. Portland, Oregon 97211 January 14, 1981

Governor Victor Atiyeh The Governor's Office Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Governor Atiyeh:

I want to express my support for your introduction of legislation that would make racial harassment a felony. Sadly I think this is a very necessary action, and I hope that our legislators are courageous enough to pass it.

There is an old cliche that you cannot legislate morality. I am most skeptical about the validity of this statement. All societies have taboos of one sort or another, such as those against murder or incest. This does not mean that all such acts are eliminated, but the social attitude towards these acts is clearly stated and understood by all. People grow up with the understanding that certain actions are to be met with universal disapproval. Clearly legislation cannot prevent passion, but it can influence its expression. Moreover, I hardly see how anyone could maintain that racial harassment is an act of passion; on the contrary, it must by its very nature be calculated.

I understand that some who have demonstrated their sympathy for the cause of racial equality have pointed out that the correct approach to eliminating racism is to eliminate economic inequities. I believe that economic justice is a necessary but not sufficient condition for the complete elimination of racism. Economic equality will never automatically result in the elimination of sexual or racial chauvinism. Both ideas and attitudes are so deeply imbedded in people's psyches that nothing is going to eliminate them except bold confrontation. For a society to fail to clearly state opposition to acts of racism is to condone those acts, and to encourage the racist and sexist ideas from which they stem.

I congratulate you for your responsiveness to the critical situation we face. It is time that we recognize that racial assaults are far more destructive than many acts already treated as felonies.

Sincerely,

Susan Williams

January 15, 1981 Governon Victor Atigeh 20 但到 Salem Dear Governon Atiyel, I concur with your forceful statement to the legislature against racisme and approve of your legis-lative proposals. I do not expect racism to be eradicated in my lifetime. However, it is an evil which can be controlled. It does not flour-ish in a condemnatory public climate. It grows like a cancer where iquored and tolerated. I believe statements and action by responsible public figures wake rocial attacks socially macceptable, which is as im Fortant as the threat of legal action in suppressing this night -threat to the social fabric. Thank you. Aincorely, Frie R. Weisswan



Salem, Oregon 97301

January 19, 1981

Governor Victor Atiyeh Governor's Office State Capitol Building Salem, Oregon 97310

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Dear Governor Atiyeh:

I want you to know the deep admiration I have for your courage and conviction in condemning racism in Oregon in your recent State of the State message. Equally commendable, you backed up your words with a proposal for legislation to proscribe and penalize racist behavior.

There is every indication that racist behavior is on the increase throughout the United States. The lead article in the <u>Chronicle of Higher Education</u> last week describes shocking examples of racist behavior on the campuses of several of the nation's most prestigious colleges and universities. Decent people have a sinking feeling in the pits of their stomachs at such incidents. People of courage express their outrage in the forthright manner you have chosen.

Governor, your latest action is just one of a number of positive things you have done in office which demonstrates that your commitments cut across partisan and ideological lines. I am convinced that you are quite willing to take any steps which you feel will genuinely benefit the people of the State of Oregon. One could hardly ask for more in the State's chief executive.

Sincerely yours,

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William G. Berveret, Dean College of Liberal Arts

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REPLY TO ADDRESS INDICATED:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STATE CAPITOL SALEM, OREGON 97310

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SALEM, OREGON 97310

January 28, 1981

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Governor Atiyeh

The Honorable Victor Atiyeh Governor of Oregon Room 207, State Capitol Building Salem, OR 97310

Dear Governor Atiyeh:

At breakfast this morning we discussed the racial harassment bill and the need to include Attorney General David Frohnmayer in helping to address some of the concerns that have surfaced.

I would like to follow up with the suggestion that Kay Toran would be an excellent person from your staff to help deal with the complexities of this issue.

If there is anything I can do to help you in this matter, please call on me.

Sincerely,

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR STATE CAPITOL SALEM, OREGON 97310

February 4, 1981

Willie T. Loud Minority Affairs Director CH2M Hill P.O. Box 428 Corvallis, OR 97330

Thank you for your letter expressing your support of efforts to fight racial harassment in the State of Oregon.

I believe with citizens such as yourself and a law that directly addresses the problem, we can begin to control and eventually eliminate acts of racial harassment.

Your support is both welcomed and appreciated.

Sincerely,

Victor Atiyeh Governor

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January 22, 1981

Ms. Kay D. Toran Affirmative Action Director Office of the Governor 160 Capitol Building Salem, OR 97310

Dear Kay:

Please express my appreciation and gratitude to Governor Atiyeh for his pointed remarks deploring racist attitudes and acts within our state. The courage, commitment, and human sensitivity embodied in his statement will hopefully serve as a catalyst to eliminating or significantly minimizing the occurrence of such activity. I also compliment you on the role you've undoubtedly played in getting these issues articulated. 1-29 A

Sincerely,

Willie T. Loud Minority Affairs Director

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR STATE CAPITOL SALEM, OREGON 97310

February 4, 1981

Vivian Frelix-Hart, President Eugene Commission on the Rights of Minorities City Manager's Office P.O. Box 1967 Eugene, OR 97401

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Sincerely,

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Victor Atiyeh Governor

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EUGENE MINORITY COMMISSION CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE P.O. BOX 1967 EUGENE, OREGON 97401 - 503/687-5010

January 20, 1981

Governor Victor Atiyeh State Capitol Building Salem, OR 97310

Dear Governor Atiyeh:

The Eugene Commission on the Rights of Minorities enthusiastically applauds your recent statements on racial harassment in Oregon and pledges to support appropriate legislation designed to curtail and to punish all acts of racial harassment.

In this regard, the Commission is reminded of two quotes which speak to the need for and the anticipated result of your proposed legislation--

NEED: The condition of the world requires morality to be defined and degraded into compulsory law. -Ulrici

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RESULT: Injustice is relatively easy to bear; what stings is justice. -H.L. Mencken

Sincerely,

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Vivian Frelik-Hart, President Eugene Commission on the Rights of Minorities

cc: Pearl Speas-Gray Gregorio Perez-Selsky Sen. Jan Wyers Rep. Tom Mason



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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR STATE CAPITOL SALEM, OREGON 97310

February 4, 1981

Alan G. Deale, D.D. First Unitarian Church 1011 SW Twelfth Avenue Portland, OR 97205

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Sincerely,

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ALAN G. DEALE, D.D.

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1011 sw Twelfth Avenue PORTLAND, OREGON 97205

> telephone 228-6389

The Honorable Vic Atiyeh Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Governor Atiyeh:

I wish to commend you on the forthright stand you have taken against bigotry and racial harassment in Oregon. I am sure you will receive considerable criticism for even mentioning such an issue in public. I, therefore, admire your courage and forthrightness in pointing out that you will not stand for this kind of thing in our great state.

Anything I can do to help in these matters, I am more than willing to assist.

With every best wish.

Sincerely yours,

Alan H. Deale

Alan G. Deale

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February 5, 1981

Norm Monroe, Deputy Director The Urban League of Portland 404 Community Service Center 718 West Burnside Portland, OR 97209

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Sincerely,

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Victor Atiyeh Governor

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404 COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER 718 West Burnside Portland, Oregon 97209 (503) 224-0151

Honorable Victor Atiyeh State Capitol Building Salem, OR 97310

January 29, 1981

Dear Governor Atiyeh:

As Deputy Director of the Urban League of Portland, I wish to express my appreciation for your timely and courageous stand regarding racial harassment in the State of Oregon. I personally would like to say thank you. Your display of objective leadership is an example that truly illustrates that intent, as a governor of all the people.

Recently I have heard that there may be mounting opposition to the racial harassment legislation. The most critical comment has to do with the potential first amendment violation that this Bill engenders. Although I am not a lawyer, I fail to see this issue as being insurmountable. In our meeting on February 3, 1981, at 4:30 p.m., would it be possible to have Attorney General Frohnmayer present to discuss the first amendment issues related to the Racial Harassment Bill.

Again, our fondest wishes for your continuous, able leadership.

Sincerely, Tom Moneae

Norm Monroe Deputy Director

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January 27, 1981

Paul E. Libby 4818 N.E. 5th Place Portland, OR 97218

Thank you for your letter supporting a measure which would deal sternly with incidents of racial harrassment.

It might be that restitution to the victim, payable by the perpetrator, would be appropriate. On the other hand, experience has shown that most of those who commit this type of offense do not have adequate means to repay the victim for damage.

The type of conduct described in the bill is exceedingly disruptive to social order. Those who contemplate engaging in it mush have their attention attracted to the seriousness of the offense. While taking courses may be well and good, I believe more than that is necessary to "nip in the bud" the racism which appears to be infiltrating our community.

Sincerely,

Victor Atiyeh Governor

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Jan. 22 1981

Mr. Robert W. Oliver Asst. to Govermor.

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Dear Sir:

I am writting on behalf of the Methodist Federation for Social Action concerning the bill about recial and sexual harrasment. We would like to suport the effort.

Would it be possible to have the punishment be a constructive thing? Such as taking a course in black history or working with blacks in comunity service or taking a course with other people concerning women?

A fine paid to the victim or some restitution seems to us to be fitting.

Please keep me informed.

Thank you,

Paul E. Libby 4818 ne. 50 th Pl. Portland, Ore. 97218



VICTOR ATIYEH

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR STATE CAPITOL SALEM, OREGON 97310

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February 5, 1981

Paul Bettiol Executive Director Board on Police Standards and Training Suite 404, The Executive House 325 - 13th Street, NE Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your concern and action prior to any request from me in regard to training to deal with racial harrassment. I also am very thankful for your receptiveness for any improvements in the course. Toward that end I will expedite any suggestions from this office.

Your sensitivity and interest is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Victor Atiyeh Governor

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YOUR SENSITIVITY AND IN PEREST IS MOST APPREZIMIED.

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February 3, 1981

The Honorable Victor Atiyeh Governor of Oregon Governor's Office 254 State Capitol Salem, OR 97310

Dear Governor Atiyeh:

The attached memo is for your information and will give you an idea of the action taken by our board to comply with your letter of request of October 29, 1980, asking that we provide a minority related course for law enforcement officers.

To provide you with some background in this area; in June 1979 our Board expressed its concern re: the issue of Police/Minority Relations when they instructed staff to develop and implement a class in the Basic Course (Police) relative to police officer's relations with those persons who live under different cultures or have adopted a life style different than that of the majority. The State Ombudsman and Affirmative Action Officer both were asked to review the material as it was developed and both were invited to instruct this class, however time constraints kept them from participating. The class was first offered in September in 1979, using a college instructor.

During the Spring of 1980 the Board staff developed a four hour class in Society Awareness that was made a part of the Basic Course curriculum in September 1980. The class is taught by a Professor of Social Science from Oregon College of Education.

On October 27, 1980, Norm Monroe, Laurie Rogoway and Linda Roberts visited the B.P.S.T. office and expressed their concerns, they were briefed on our boards past actions and assured we were always interested in improving any of our courses and would appreciate their ideas and imput. Three days later we received your letter and the enclosed memo gives you our action taken to date.

We will continue to pursue this issue and keep you advised.

Respectfully,

Paul Bettiol Executive Director

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INTEROFFICE MEMO



то: Paul Bettiol

DATE: January 29, 1981

FROM: Karel Hyer, Chief, Academy Programs, B.P.S.T.

STATE OF OREGON

SUBJECT: Log of Activities RE: Minority Sensitivity issue. October 27, 1980

Met with Director Bettiol; Norm Monroe, Dep. Dir., Urban League of Portland; Laurie Rogoway, Exec. Asst., The American Jewish Committee (Portland Unit); and Linda Roberts, Metropolitan Human Relations Committee (Portland).

The discussion centered on what types of training BPST offered to police officers to assist them in developing sensitivity for minority problems.

Each of the visitors were provided with a copy of the 1980 Basic Course (Police) curriculum. The various units of instruction in the Human Behavior section were discussed.

Mr. Monroe brought up incidents which had occured in Portland that he felt had been very poorly handled by Portland Police.

Mr. Bettiol and myself advised the visitors that much of what they were concerned about dealt with policies or procedures within specific law enforcement agencies.

They were advised to contact the chiefs of police and sheriffs organizations and to express their concerns to the leadership of both organizations. They were provided with the names of the O.A.C.P. and O.S.S.A. presidents.

Mr. Bettiol and myself informed the visitors that we were willing to look at what B.P.S.T. is now doing and would be open to suggestions as to how we can improve our offerings.

The visitors were on their way to a meeting with Jacke Winters, State Ombudsman, and the Governor's staff, and advised us they would provide us with their ideas at a future time.

November 12, 1980

Director Bettiol advised Bill Bell, Chief of Specialized and Regional Programs, and myself of letter he had received from Governor Atiyeh about the first week of November wherein the Governor expressed concern about recent occurrences of racial harassment in Oregon, and whether the laws are adequate or police training addresses these issues sufficiently.

The Governor's letter also stated, "I would appreciate it if you would develop and implement a training program".

Paul Bettiol January 29, 1981 Page 2

Writer contacted Jackie Winter's office and set up an appointment for Director Bettiol, Mr. Bell and writer to discuss the Governor's letter.

November 19, 1980

Director Bettiol, Mr. Bell and myself met with Jackie Winters in her office. She informed us that there have been a number of incidents of alleged racial harassment and inadequate or improper police response in Oregon in past few years. She stated that the police do not appear to have a clear understanding of minorities in the manner in which they (police) respond to serious problems as reported by minority persons.

We had a free-wheeling discussion about the incidents mentioned by Jackie. We agreed that there did appear to be a need for some further training for all levels of law enforcement and we would all work to this end. Jackie informed us that she had requested Mr. Monroe, Ms. Rogoway and Ms. Roberts to provide her with an outline of their concerns, ideas, specific instances, etc., and she would provide B.P.S.T. with this information as soon as she received it.

November 21, 24 and 26, 1980

Writer met with Academy staff to chart a course of action to accomplish the expressed goal of improving our training in the area of sensitivity to minority problems.

Writer contacted John Holford, Training Coordinator, F.B.I., Portland, to discuss possible class in F.B.I. Role in Civil Rights Investigations Against the Police. (Agent Holford is himself a Black)

November 28, 1980

See Attached Memo to Paul Bettiol re: Development and Implementation of Training Course to Address Police Sensitivity to Minority Problems.

December 1, 1980

Again talked to John Holford, F.B.I. and set 10:00 a.m., December 17, 1980 as time and date Holford, Mr. Bill Williams of F.B.I. Legal Staff, and Academy staff would meet at the Oregon Police Academy. At this time we will discuss our ideas as to how the F.B.I. can assist us in our effort to improve training in minority related matters.

Mr. Bell and his staff have been invited to attend this meeting. I personally advised Mr. Bell, Mr. Hawley and Mr. Stewart of the meeting and invited them to participate.

Paul Bettiol January 29, 1981 Page 3

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Still waiting for information from Jackie Winters re: specific problems we are attempting to alleviate.

December 3, 1980

Spoke to Robert Gast, SAC, F.B.I., Portland, re: direction we would like F.B.I. to take in Civil Rights Inv. Class. It was suggested that Bill Williams "teach by example", using examples of cases or incidents that cause F.B.I. to become involved in Civil Rights Investigations against police. Mr Gast was agreeable to this.

December 4, 1980

Spoke to John Holford, Training Coordinator, F.B.I., Portland re: Conversation with Mr. Gast the previous day. Holford was agreeable and interested in this "teach by example" approach.

December 5, 1980

Received word that Jackie Winters, State Ombudsman, was resigning prior to December 31, 1980.

December 10, 1980

Met with Executive Board of Juvenile Officers Assn. at Academy. Present were Lou Schatz, Lebanon P.D. (President), Haven Baxter, Portland Police, Sgt. Cal Stewart, Salem P.D., and Don Severn, Medford P.D.

The Juvenile Officers Assn. is now involved in developing a course on Cultural Awareness that they plan to provide on a regional basis for corrections, parole and probation and police officers. This course may turn out to be several 4-hour blocks that could be offered singly as well as in a longer course of $1\frac{1}{2}$ or 2 days. From the discussion we had it appears they are doing almost the same thing we are in the area of minority problems. We agreed to keep in close contact so that we don't duplicate each other's efforts.

December 11, 1980

Contacted Jackie Winters, State Ombudsman, regarding her impending resignation and our need for her to provide us with the paper from minority groups. She advised me that the groups were still meeting and formulating their ideas to send to us. We should have in next few weeks. I advised Jackie of my meeting with Juvenile Officers Assn. Executive Board, and of their intentions to develop and offer a course in cultural awareness around the regions of the state. Jackie was most pleased at this. I also advised her of our plans to use the F.B.I. to Paul Bettiol January 29, 1981 Page 4

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teach about 2 hours in Civil Rights Investigations and use examples of the kinds of actions by police officers that causes the F.B.I. to conduct such investigations. She was quite supportive of this idea.

December 17, 1980

Received call from John Holford, F.B.I., Portland, stating he and Bill Williams would be unable to keep appointment - 10AM this date Set 10AM, Monday, December 29 as date convenient to both parties.

December 22, 1980

Met with Don Webb and Jerry Freshour at Academy to discuss upcoming meeting with F.B.I. The advised me they had arranged with George Weaver to give F.B.I. 2 hours of Basic Course "Use of Discretion" time for the Civil Rights class. Also they have arranged F.B.I. to have 2 hours in the Advanced Officer Course.

December 29, 1980

Met with John Holford and Don Williams, F.B.I., Portland, re: Williams teaching two hours of Civil Rights Investigations to Advanced Officer Course and Basic Course. This was agreed upon with first AOC session 3-5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 9, 1981, and first Basic Session 1-3 p.m., February 17, 1981.

It was also agreed upon that Don Williams would prepare to offer two hours to Supervisory and Middle-Management Courses as they are offered.

December 30, 1980

Contacted Jackie Winters and discussed F.B.I. role in instructing Civil Rights Investigations with her. She was supportive of this. Asked her when we might expect the paper from her with results of her meeting with coalition from Portland re: Minority Rights. She said it was still being prepared and she would send it to us as soon as it was received.

January 9, 1981

F.B.I.'s first session completed. Students evaluated it quite well. Many very positive comments about information they were provided that was not previously known by them. VICTOR ATIYEH



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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR STATE CAPITOL SALEM, OREGON 97310

March 3, 1981

Harold S. Hirsch, Co-Chairman Social Action Committee Congregation Beth Israel 1931 NW Flanders St. Portland, OR 97209

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Sincerely,

Victor Atiyeh Governor

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Kenneth E. Pingel, Chairman Marion County Republican Central Committee 2630 Market NE Salem, Oregon

Dean Anderson, President Metropolitan Family Service Board of Directors 2281 NW Everett St. Portland, OR 97210

Kent Aldrich, Mayor City of Salem City Hall Salem, OR 97301

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February 15, 1981

The Honorable Victor Atiyeh Governor, State of Oregon State Capitol Building Salem, OR 97310

Dear Governor Atiyeh:

This agency would like to add its support of your position regarding racial harassment. Your opening message to the Legislature reinforced Oregon's commitment to protect the rights of people from blatant racial/ethnic abuse.

Your message is an educational reminder, as well as a statement that law enforcement tools should be strengthened, with consideration for the First Amendment.

Your influence and leadership in this sensitive area are most commendable. Your public concern for each individual Oregonian is a promising sign for all of us in the protection of our civil liberties.

We thank you and appreciate your decisive charge to this Legislature.

Sincerely,

Dean Anderson, President MFSBoard of Directors

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February 16, 1981

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Kent Aldrich

The Honorable Victor Atiyeh Governor, State of Oregon State Capitol Salem, OR 97310

Dear Governor Atiyeh:

At its meeting on February 9, 1981 the Salem City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Salem, voted to strongly support you in your efforts to bring an end to racial and religious bigotry in the State of Oregon.

In recent weeks, several incidents of racial or religious harassment in Salem have come to our attention. These incidents have included the defacement of the Jewish Temple Beth Shalom and an apartment house where black citizens live, the dispersal of leaflets promoting white supremacy, and threatening phone calls and physical attacks directed at racial and religious minority persons.

We abhor these acts against our fellow citizens. While these are probably the acts of a small number of misguided individuals or groups, we believe that everything possible should be done to eliminate prejudicial attitudes not only in Salem, but throughout the State. We believe that any person or organization found guilty of racial or religious harassment should be severely punished under the law.

For these reasons, we support the passage of HB 2479 which prohibits intimidation of a person because of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin and which defines such intimidation as a felony under Oregon State Law.

Sincerely yours,

Kent Aldrich Mayor, City of Salem

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CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

1931 NORTHWEST FLANDERS STREET PORTLAND, OREGON 97209

February 23, 1981

Governor Victor Atiyeh c/o Governor's Office 254 State Capitol Building Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Governor Atiyeh,

On behalf of Congregation Beth Israel's Social Action Committee, we want to commend you for your stand against harassment of minorities and your proposed legislation which would make physical harassment/the threat thereof unlawful.

As the highest elected official in our State, you have exhibited the leadership, tolerance, and awareness of an increasing social problem which is an aberration in our country founded on the principle of freedom and justice for all.

Very sincerely yours,

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Harold S. Hirsch Co-Chairman, Social Action Committee

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Marion County Republican Central Committee 8630 Marter NE

General's Office

TELEPHONE: 364-0747

KENNETH E. PINGEL Chairman

February 4, 1981

Governor Victor Atiyeh Capitol Building Salem, OR 97310

Dear Governor Atiyeh:

During a recent meeting of the County Central Committee your comments to the Legislative Assembly concerning racial harassment were discussed. The result of this discussion was the adoption of a motion directing the Chairman to write a letter to you indicating our support of your concern.

We would, however, suggest that the issue be carefully weighed and a determination made as to the need for additional legislation or whether the enforcement of current laws by the justice system would be sufficient.

Sincerely, erne N

Kenneth E. Pingel Chairman

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