



NORM SMITH
REPRESENTATIVE
STATE OF OREGON

September 3

Dear Vic,

Your address to the
joint special session was
absolutely superb! It alone
was a significant factor in
my own decision to vote for

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HB 3324 & 3325! I know
that you persuaded others
who were "leaning" as well.

Ted was literally left
with nothing to say about
how to solve Oregon's problems.
This round was clearly yours.
Congratulations. — Tom

NORM SMITH
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DISTRICT 9



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October 8, 1983

The Hon. Victor Atiyeh
Governor of Oregon
State Capitol Bldg.
Salem, OR 97310

Dear Vic:

This is a very difficult letter to write, and it's especially difficult to mail it to you, a good friend and colleague. I have very recently been offered, and I have just accepted, a brand new position as the Government Relations Manager in Oregon for the reorganized AT&T Corporation.

The challenge and the benefits are exceptional, and the opportunity means a lot to my young family's future and security. I will not be far from the policy making, but I must of necessity resign as a policy maker. I will leave the Oregon Legislature soon after serving in 3 Regular and 6 Special sessions. I will also leave my private law practice.

I am very excited and pleased about my new position. The most difficult decision factor was the necessity of ending a budding campaign for State Treasurer. Another campaign in the future is always a possibility. There are, of course, several excellent candidates seeking the Treasurer's office. I intend to support one of them personally, and will urge you to do the same. With respect to the vacancy in my House seat, I am confident that the Washington County Republican Central Committee and our county commissioners will appoint a highly qualified replacement.

I will file officially and then withdraw from the race for the Republican nomination. In this way, financial contributions received by my campaign for Treasurer in 1983 will benefit from state and federal tax credits. Any surplus funds not used by the campaign will be sent to Project '84, the House Republican political action committee.

Kathy and Spencer join me in expressing sincere thanks to you. This is truly a thank you letter, and not a good-bye letter. We will have plenty of opportunities to further our personal friendship. I ask for your understanding as I become acquainted with the responsibilities of my new position. I will gladly talk with you personally about this decision in the near future. For now, I wanted key friends to have the courtesy of this personal, if somewhat inadequate, message. I am most proud to have served in Oregon's government with you.

Gratefully,


Norm Smith

I want to continue to help you and your administration as much as I can. Please call on me for special missions!