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

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Dear Governor Atiyeh:

I want to thank you again for taking the time out of your busy schedule to be on campus all day during President Gerald Ford's visit. Your presence elevated the day's events from that of a University hosting him to that of an entire state hosting him. I know he appreciated it.

I am a little embarrassed at the way you were not allowed to respond upon receipt of the Pioneer Award. I knew we were running overtime, unfortunately, and that Mr. Ford was getting anxious to leave. As a consequence, I made the judgment that if we could get through all of the presentations with him still there, it would be especially meaningful to the recipients. I hope you don't feel that I inappropriately cut you off.

Thank you for your understanding and for being with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Curtis R. Simic".

Curtis R. Simic
Vice-President for Public Services

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