

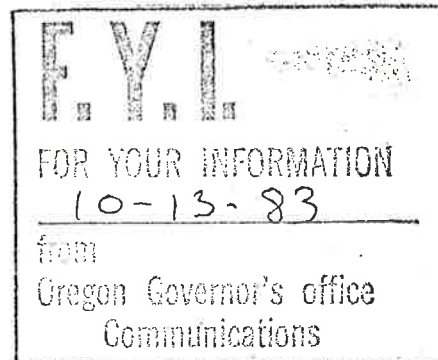
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The Honorable Dave Frohnmayer
Attorney General
100 Justice Building
Salem, OR 97310

Dear Mr. Frohnmayer:

My office has reviewed the issues which are raised in opinion #8148, regarding the legality of the incorporation of Rajneeshpuram, the exercise of municipal governmental powers by that entity, and its entitlement to share in the distribution of certain state revenues. These issues are fundamental to our system of government. I am deeply concerned that if your opinion is correct, the continued exercise of governmental powers by the City of Rajneeshpuram could be contrary to state and federal constitutional requirements.

It is in the State's interest, the public interest, and the interests of the residents of Rajneeshpuram to have this matter resolved promptly by the courts. Under authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of this state, I request that you institute appropriate legal proceedings in the name of the State of Oregon to have these issues finally decided by our judicial system.

Sincerely,

Victor Atiyeh
Governor