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Governor's Office

September 26, 1984

GOVERNOR VICTOR ATIYEH
254 State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97310B&B
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LETTERS

Dear Governor Atiyeh:

You are no doubt aware of the potentially dangerous and explosive situation that exists in Oregon, concerning the Rajneesh organization and the upcoming November 15th election.

This letter is coming to you on behalf of the people of Wasco and Jefferson counties as well as a majority of the other counties in Oregon.

On September 20th, Channel 2 News conducted a televote concerning the Pro and Con opinions of the people toward the Rajneesh. The results of that pole indicated 93% of the response was opposed to this organization.

Our voting laws in Oregon are now set up to make it possible for the system to be used by this group for their benefit and it appears they are gearing up to do just that.

We the people of Oregon are asking you to call a special session of the Legislature to amend this law, making it impossible for the Rajneesh to use the people they are importing from other U.S. cities, apparently for voting purposes.

If, in fact, this is not their intent, as they insist, then changing the law would not be a concern of their apparent project and would prevent the people of Oregon from needing to resort to the same process, to insure that they are unable to accomplish their purpose.

If it is their intent to use our voting system to their advantage in the coming election, we will know by their reaction to this legislation.

We feel, most of the problems existing in the Rajneesh situation are a result of the county and state government doing little or nothing, IN TIME to protect the rights of other Oregon residents.

Do we, once again, have to wait until the election is over, (as Norma Paulus suggests) and then attempt to amend a mistake, or are we as concerned citizens and responsible lawmakers, going to do something to make it impossible for the mistake to happen.

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We would urge you, Governor Atiyeh to listen to the voice of concerned Oregonians who are willing to do whatever is necessary, ON THEIR OWN, to intervene in this problem.

Just as it was necessary to ask the Legislature to correct a hindering corporate tax law, in June, 1984, we feel it is now more urgent for you to take the necessary action to convene the Legislature to prevent the possibility of another tragic error that cannot easily be corrected once the election takes place. There is also, in this case, the very present danger of a serious outbreak of violence.

Edmund Burk said, "For evil to triumph, it is only necessary for good men to do nothing".

Sincerely,

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Governor Victor Atiyeh,

I agree completely with this letter written by Mrs. Horney & I urge your immediate action

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