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January 15, 1999

Victor Atiyeh
519 SW Park Suite 208
Portland, OR 97205

RE: Vista House at Crown Point

Dear Mr. Atiyeh,

Vista House at Crown Point was designated as a National Natural Landmark in 1971 and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. Unfortunately, this structure was, in 1995, temporarily closed to the public after investigations disclosed safety concerns as a result of moisture intrusion.

Vista House has significant historical value that is enjoyed by over 850,000 visitors each year. We believe it is in the best interest of all Oregonians to preserve this historic structure for future generations.

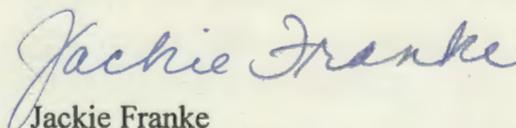
Damage assessments have been completed and thanks to generous donors and successful grant submittal, restorations have begun.

We are in the process of submitting a grant application and would appreciate a **letter of support** from your organization. If you are willing to submit a letter of support, please contact me directly at 503-362-1905, FAX 503-375-0625. Because all letters must be received by **January 25**, I will be glad to prepare a draft or provide additional information.

Letters of support should be Faxed to 503-375-0625, Attn: Jackie Franke.

Thank you for your assistance. Together we can ensure that the deterioration caused by water intrusion at Vista House at Crown Point, constructed in 1915 as not only a ' comfort station but a fitting memorial to Oregon's pioneers, is eliminated. In addition, the damages caused by years of water intrusion will be repaired.

Sincerely,



Jackie Franke
Trust Liaison Officer

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VICTOR ATIYEH
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January 20, 1999

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Vista House at Crown Point, a National Natural Landmark and on the National Register of Historic Places, has overlooked the magnificent Columbia River Gorge for eighty-four years. Although it has been nurtured and cared for over those many years like us humans time has taken its toll.

In many ways the Vista House needs remediation and repair in a most thorough way: and, of course that means dollars. Because of its historical and nostalgic significance I strongly support any effort to raise the money needed to assure future generations of the thrill that the yearly 850,000 of today's visitors enjoy.

In a rapidly changing world some things must remain to remind us of our history. Vista House is one of those signs of the past that must remain in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor Atiyeh", written over a horizontal line.

Victor Atiyeh

Crown Point and Vista House, Columbia River Highway, Oregon

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THE VIEW OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE FROM CROWN POINT'S VISTA HOUSE

CROWN POINT'S VISTA HOUSE, LOCATED IN CORBETT OREGON,
STANDS 733 FEET ABOVE THE COLUMBIA RIVER AND IS SO SITUATED
AS TO COMMAND A SPECTACULAR PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE GORGE.
THE VISTA HOUSE, DEDICATED IN 1918, IS AN HISTORIC LANDMARK
IT WAS BUILT AS A REST STOP AND OBSERVATORY ON THE COLUMBIA
RIVER HIGHWAY.

PHOTOGRAPH BY: EARLENE JACKSON

Honorable Victor Atiyeh,

Thank you for submitting a letter of support for the Trust's grant application for repairs at Vista House at Crown Point.

This beautiful, historic structure needs a tremendous amount of repairs to ensure that it remains a 'memorial to Oregon's early pioneers' for future generations.

I'm sure your letter of support will aid our future grant applications and current application for Oregon Department of Transportation's Transportation Enhancement Program funds.

We are hosting an Open House at Vista House on April 14 at 4pm and hope you can join us. I will be sending you an invitation later this month but because of your busy schedule wanted to let you know as soon as possible.

Your attendance would greatly be appreciated. Please let me know if you will be attending so that we may include you in the program (503-362-1905).

Thank you again for your support of Vista House at Crown Point.

Jackie Franke

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The private preview & tour will give an overview of the history of Vista House as well as a review of the recent repairs that have been made and the projects we hope to undertake in the coming year.

Families and other guests welcome.

Light hors d' oeuvres, coffee and punch.

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Governor Attyeh

Wednesday April 14th 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend and want additional information about saving one of Oregon's Treasures, call Jackie Franke at (503) 362-1905.

*In cooperation with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department,
State Historic Preservation Office and the Friends of Vista House.*

Vista House

invites you to a private preview
and tour of

and the Board of Trustees

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The Oregon State Parks Trust is a non-profit corporation (IRS recognized 501(c)(3)) dedicated to the preserving and improving Oregon's unique park system. Contributions to the Trust are tax deductible and may be donated for general purposes or a specific project.

Directions to Vista House:

- Travel I-84 Eastbound
- Take Corbett Exit #22
- Travel approximately 11/4 mile from exit to top of hill where road intersects with Highway 30 (Historic Columbia River Highway)
- Turn left
- Follow signs to Vista House about 1 1/2 miles on Highway 30.

The first \$100,000 1999 contributions to the Vista House Restoration Effort will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous challenge grant from the McGraw Family Foundation, Nancie McGraw and the McGraw children.