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

Dear Victor:

It is with mixed emotions that I present to you this letter of resignation. For the last six years, you have been a friend and a pleasure to work for.

I have been offered and accepted a position as the Assistant Director, Corporate Affairs, for Nike. In this position I will have the opportunity to utilize many of the skills that I gained while working with you. It is a position of responsibility with a dynamic Oregon-based firm. I have agreed to begin with Nike on November 21, 1983.

Needless to say, I am looking forward to this new position. However, upon reflection I am satisfied with the accomplishments during my tenure as your Citizens' Representative. When I took over in December of 1980, you requested that I bring some stability and visibility to the Office of Ombudsman. I have, without touting our accomplishments, done just that. The office now serves more people and a broader range of people than ever before. I have initiated for you new programs such as Project Pass. In addition, the achievements I have recorded in the field of voluntarism are extremely noteworthy. I hearken back to your comments when I first met you in 1977 which were, "If you don't worry about who gets the credit and just concentrate on getting the job done, you'll achieve greater success." I believe my work in this office demonstrates that that saying is still accurate, and worth remembering.

I cannot tell you how much I truly value your friendship. You are a man of integrity and dependability. It is my sincere hope that during my career I achieve a small portion of the respect that you have earned through your dedicated years of public service.

Thank you for providing me so many opportunities to learn and excel on your behalf. I consider both you and Dolores true friends.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul V. Phillips".

Paul V. Phillips
Citizens' Representative