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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

Thank you for your most recent letter concerning allegations that public officials in Oregon have deliberately violated the Fifth and Fourteenth Constitutional Amendments.

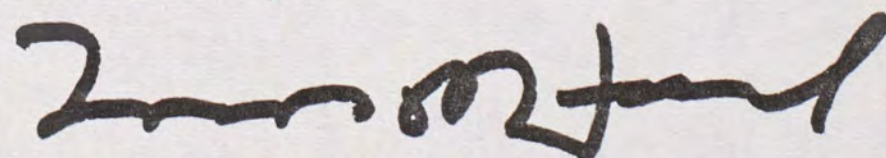
I note in your letter to President Reagan that your constitutional right to a grand jury investigation has been abridged. For your information, the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees a grand jury only to a person who has been charged with a capital or otherwise infamous offense. Additionally, the U.S. Supreme Court has not recognized that the Fifth Amendment's provision for a grand jury applies to the States via the Fourteenth Amendment. However, though the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments do not appear to apply to this situation, you may have a right to a grand jury investigation under the Oregon State Constitution.

You are correct in stating that property cannot be taken for public use without just compensation. In the event that your property has been taken by Lincoln county officials without just compensation, then your recourse is through your local court systems. You mention that you have documented evidence to prove a violation of your rights and, thus, I encourage you to contact an attorney to ensure that your rights are upheld and that you receive the remedies to which you are entitled under the law. If you experience difficulty in finding an attorney to represent you, you may contact the Lawyer Referral Service at 1-800-452-7636 for assistance.

I am sorry that I can be of no further assistance to you in this matter. You have alleged a violation of your rights and a court must now determine whether you have the evidence to adequately support your allegations. Thus, I must insist that you contact an attorney to discuss further action on your claim. I trust that you realize I do not belittle your allegations nor want you to feel abandoned. Rather, given the particular nature of your problem, more competent and effective assistance must be found elsewhere.

With warm regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senator

TOLEDO OR 97391

TO: Senator Mark O. Hatfield
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Washington, D. C. 20510

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Re: Letters dated 10/29/83 & 8/30/83

Dear Senator Hatfield:

If you or any one of the other six congressmen from Oregon would have contacted President Reagan on my behalf, I would not have had to contact Senator Cranston.

I was hoping the Senator, who is trying to become President, would have put so called congressional custom and courtesy aside and notified the President instead of wasting my time by using congressional customs and courtesy as an excuse for not delivering my messages to President Reagan.

In your 8/30/83 letter, you wrote about the fifth amendment violation. You did not mention anything about the fourteenth amendment, which is also being violated.

These are your words. "For your information, the fifth amendment to the U. S. Constitution guarantees a grand jury only to persons who has been charged with a capital or otherwise infamous offense".

The law reads "No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime unless on presentment or indictment of a grand jury." The fifth amendment also states, "No person shall be deprived of property without due process of law, nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation".

The fourteenth amendment backs up the fifth amendment by stating, "Nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction, the equal protection of the laws".

There is documented evidence proving these amendments have been deliberately violated. Isn't this the reason for the cover-up? This cover-up makes it impossible to get a fair investigation unless the President is informed and sees that a trusted investigator is sent to Oregon.

Here is another quote from your 8/30/83 letter. "I am sorry that I can be of no further assistance to you in this matter. You have alleged a violation of your rights and a court must now determine whether you have the evidence to adequately support your allegations. Thus I must insist that you contact an attorney to discuss further action on your claim".

I am enclosing a petition. There are several signers on this petition who are professional people and others who are successful business men. These people were aware of what they were signing. Some may be witnesses.

Sincerely,

Inc: Petition
CC: Senator Cranston