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Chairman of the Board
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I am writing this letter to ask for your immediate support in helping to solve the problem posed by the homeless persons from Rajneeshpuram who are coming into Portland.

In particular, I am asking the United Way of the Columbia Willamette to consider making a modest discretionary distribution to the Salvation Army to assist in the process of sheltering these homeless persons and transporting them out of Portland.

As you may know, the Salvation Army has been playing a lead role in responding to this unusual and frustrating situation. As of Friday, November 2, the Salvation Army had processed more than 500 homeless persons at a cost of approximately \$50,000. It is financing this effort through a special campaign called "Operation Love."

I am trying to find ways to raise money to help the Salvation Army in this effort, for I believe it is providing an important service for the City of Portland and the State of Oregon. By transporting these homeless persons back where the Rajneeshees first picked them up, the Salvation Army is helping Portland avoid far worse problems this winter.

I recognize that this is an unusual request, but this is an unusual problem. As Governor, I urge you to give this request your most careful consideration. Financial help is critical now.

I stand ready to provide further information should you desire. A member of my staff, David Fiskum, met with David Paradine last week, and he, too, is ready to be of assistance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Victor Atiyeh
Governor