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Dear Ned:

I am writing this letter to ask for your immediate help in solving the problem posed by the homeless persons from Rajneeshpuram who are coming into Portland.

In particular, I am asking you to consider an emergency contribution to the Salvation Army to assist in responding to these homeless persons who leave or are evicted from Rajneeshpuram.

As of Friday, November 2, the Salvation Army had sheltered and transported more than 500 homeless persons at a cost of approximately \$50,000. It is financing this effort through donations to a special campaign called "Operation Love."

I am trying to find ways 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 understand, Ned, that you have discretion, with the concurrence of three board members, to make an emergency allocation up to \$5,000 to worthy causes. This is what I am asking you to consider. I recognize that this is an unusual request, but this is an unusual problem. Financial help at this time is critical if the Salvation Army is to continue this important service.

Please call on me if you need further information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Victor Atiyeh
Governor