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Secretary of State  
136 State Capitol Building  
Salem, OR 97310

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Governor Atiyeh

Re: Violation of Election Laws

Beloved Ms. Paulus,

As you know, certain individuals, including Joanne Boies, Talbert Robinson and Marilyn Bardin of the Albany group called Concerned Citizens for Cost of Living Rights have made statements encouraging people to break the election laws.

According to County Clerk Sue Proffitt, approximately 2,900 people registered to vote between September 1, and October 10, 1984 the date the program of blanket exceptions went into effect. Proffitt has testified that many of these registrations are fraudulent. None of the registrants were from Rajneeshpuram or the City of Rajneesh.

Supplying false information when registering to vote is a felony. ORS 247.121(2), 247.991. Solicitation to commit a felony is a crime whether or not the felony is committed. ORS 161.435.

Boies and other members of her group have openly solicited others to commit a felony, and some people have done so. Boies has stated publicly that if they vote fraudulently in Wasco County, nothing will happen to them. She says the courts would throw out any case that might be brought against them.

Your statements and actions have led her to believe that. When she told you she intended to vote fraudulently, you said, "For your own protection, don't say anything more to me." You did nothing while people fraudulently registered. It was not until you heard that people from Rajneeshpuram were coming to register that you

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adopted a temporary rule, which Proffitt has used to close down voter registration. You have done nothing to date about the fraudulent registrations or illegal solicitations.

ORS 246.110 provides that "the Secretary of State is the chief election officer of the state, and it is the Secretary's responsibility to obtain and maintain uniformity in the application, operation and interpretation of the election laws." I want to know what steps you have taken to enforce the law, and what steps you intend to take.

With love,



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City Attorney

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