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Dear Mr. President,

Congratulations on your election and inauguration as President of the United States. I look forward to working with you and your Administration. I greatly appreciated the comments in your inauguration address in which you referenced the need for strong law enforcement and justice in America.

As you know, one critical component to implementing this critical agenda you have laid out is the position of United States Attorney. Given the significance of this position, I strongly recommend Mike McLane for your choice as the United States Attorney for the District of Oregon. He is a man with considerable experience in elective office, law and the military. Mr. McLane and his wife of 29 years, Holly, raised their three children in central Oregon and are well-respected. I am confident that Mr. McLane is prepared to serve my state as a no-nonsense US Attorney.

Mr. McLane serves our country as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Oregon Air National Guard (ORANG). As a military lawyer, he has been twice awarded the meritorious service medal. Lieutenant Colonel McLane is the lead JAG for the ORANG, overseeing 10 military attorneys at three locations.

Mr. McLane is a respected member of the Oregon legal community and has been an active member of the bar association since 1990. He has worked with several private law firms, including the largest one in Oregon, and now is a partner in a Bend, Oregon firm that he co-founded. Mr. McLane has experience that includes being a law clerk for an Oregon Supreme Court Justice, serving on the bench as a circuit judge pro tem for several years, and being a special prosecutor for a short period in Portland. While in law school, he worked as a law clerk in the US Attorney's Office in Portland.

Mr. McLane currently serves as the House Republican Leader in Oregon, having represented District 55 in the Oregon House of Representatives since 2011. Mr. McLane became the caucus leader before the end of his first term in office, a testament to his ability to be effective with fellow elected leaders. As a Representative, Mr. McLane served on multiple committees, but primarily with the budget-writing Ways and Means Committee. He is a member of Oregon's Homeland Security Council as well.

Mr. McLane continues to show that he is a solid leader and able to work effectively with other attorneys and elected officials. He has courtroom experience, including representing the government, holds a security clearance as a JAG, and supervises other military lawyers. His commitment to serve our country is clear. He will do a fine job and I strongly recommend Mr. McLane as your choice for the position of United States Attorney for the District of Oregon.

Most respectfully,



Greg Walden  
U.S. Representative  
Oregon's Second District