

Dear Friend,

It has been a long time since Oregon has seen the dramatic and telling political events of the past few months that are having a dramatic impact on the 2006 election.

First, Jack Roberts, former State Labor Commissioner and 2002 candidate for Governor, joined by two highly respected state Senate Presidents, Gene Derfler (Salem) and Brady Adams (Grants Pass), are enthusiastically supporting my candidacy for Governor. They are holding events, providing solid advice, and lining up supporters. Susanna and I deeply appreciate their support.

Second, the Democrats seem to be in utter disarray and complete disillusionment with their Governor. After their failed attempt to recruit former Governor John Kitzhaber to run against Ted, and with three or four others already in the race, the Democrats' worst fears are coming true.

We have a weak incumbent who is presiding over a struggling Oregon economy, a broken health care system, schools just getting by with ever-increasing class sizes, and businesses leaving Oregon rather than coming in.

NASCAR was interested in coming to Oregon. It would have pumped over \$150 million annually into our economy and added hundreds of jobs. You would think the Governor would have been interested. I guess not. NASCAR is building a track in Bremerton, Washington.

I would have fought hard to get NASCAR here, and if you choose to elect me as your next Governor, **I will fight hard to bring new businesses here.** With your help, we will clear out the deadwood in Salem and set this state on a new exciting course that will realize the promise all of us know is here. **We will fight against continuing attempts to increase taxes,** just as we helped lead the charge to reject Kulongoski's income tax increase (Measure 30). And, as Governor, I will fight just as hard to first, reduce, and then, eliminate Oregon's onerous capital gains and death penalty taxes.

We will reach out all across Oregon in every community to bring into state government fresh new leaders with creative ideas that make sense in the 21st Century, and that will restore our prominence as a leader of all states.

But first we have to get there. Despite Ted's weaknesses, he can raise thousands of dollars from special interests and the old Portland power structure.

We can match them dollar for dollar from thousands of **Oregonians like you who can help us reform state government.**

Your contribution of \$500, \$250, \$150, or whatever you can give, will drive our campaign.

I have set up a special fund for TV and radio advertising – and that is why I need your help. We need to raise \$135,000 in the next few weeks to get this fund going. So, please, send what you can and be as generous as possible.

Susanna and I are deeply grateful for your past support, and know that we can count on your help now.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevin

P.S. I formally announced my candidacy November 2nd so your help at this time is critical.

P.P.S. Independent polling continues to show our campaign with a commanding lead in the primary, but I'm not taking anything for granted, and will work hard to maintain your support as I campaign across Oregon.