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The Honorable John Kitzhaber, Governor of Oregon
State Capitol Bldg.
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Salem, OR 97301-4047

Dear Governor Kitzhaber:

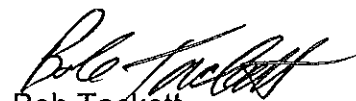
I'm writing today to thank you for nominating Joe Esmonde, IBEW Local 48, to the TriMet Board of Directors, District 3 position. Given that this Board sets the direction and policy of TriMet and manages its budget, the Northwest Oregon Labor Council (NOLC) strongly believes there is a need for labor's voice on this Board. The NOLC also believes Brother Joe Esmonde is the right person at the right time to fill this need. Joe is not afraid to offer his opinion but also knows the art of compromise and negotiation to achieve the best outcome possible of the situation at hand.

You may not know that the Northwest Oregon Labor Council Executive Board has had TriMet General Manager Neil McFarlane as our guest on a couple of occasions to discuss the ongoing events at TriMet. We found Mr. McFarlane to be open to listening to our concerns regarding the ongoing dispute between the Amalgamated Transit Union and TriMet and responded as best he could to them.

I'm hopeful that Brother Esmonde will be able to influence change that will lead to an amenable end to the conflict between labor and management at TriMet.

Thank you again for your vote of confidence in Brother Joe Esmonde,

Sincerely,



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