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Dear Matt:

Thank you for your work to recognize the *Oregon Historical Quarterly* during Representative Williamson's committee testimony this week in support of the Tom Vaughan memorial legislation. I've worked with OHQ for over ten years, including over six as Editor, and when we saw each other, Tom always took time to speak with me about the journal. He was very clear about its significance as both the journal of record for Oregon history (it is peer reviewed, fact checked, and served by a board of scholarly editorial advisors) and a benefit of membership with the Oregon Historical Society. We are working now to finalize the first issue in OHQ's 115th volume year, and I think that length and consistency speak to the value and significance of the Oregon Historical Society's legacy in publishing a state historical journal. For a state just over 150 years old, to have been documenting and interpreting history for 115 years is a significant legacy.

A June 7, 1959, *Oregonian* article titled "Historical Quarterly Holds Respected Position" notes that even then OHQ was "one of the oldest and most respected magazines of its type in the country, a position particularly noteworthy now as it celebrates its 60th anniversary of consecutive publication." At the time, Tom was both editor of the journal and director of the institution, and he held both positions with pride. The article recognized the journal's particular value — which it continues to hold today — as a publication for both scholars and the general public, with Tom noting its diverse usefulness: "Somehow ... everyone uses this magazine. Until they need it, they never heard of it. But when they need it, they need it badly."

Tom called me in November 2012, shortly after our special issue on "Women and Citizenship" was published, to congratulate me on the accomplishment. His distinctive voice meant that I immediately knew who was on the line, and I was especially pleased



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to have the congratulations from Tom. He always encouraged me in my work, and I will miss that. I am grateful, of course, for the work he did over so many decades to ensure the Oregon Historical Society — including the *Oregon Historical Quarterly* — not only survived but thrived. Oregonians are better able to know themselves now and in the future because of the work Tom did to grow the Oregon Historical Society, and we should all be thankful for it.

All best,

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