



C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

March 25, 2015

The Honorable Kate Brown
Governor of Oregon
State Capitol Building
900 Court Street NE, 160
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Governor Brown,

I understand that the Governor's Commission on Statuary Hall for Oregon recently concluded six months of deliberation and recommended Chief Joseph as one of its choices for the Oregon Legislature's final selection.

You have my hearty congratulations for your interest in who represents Oregon in the United States Capitol. However, I wanted to communicate this gentle reminder about Chief Joseph. While Idaho may or may not exercise its right to rotate its contributions to Statuary Hall for some time, I wanted to contact you about this matter prior to any final legislative action.

Chief Joseph's story and legacy in the Northwest is indeed historically notable. But a close examination of history may indicate a more significant historical tie to Idaho than any other state in our region. I therefore would urge a careful analysis of the Chief's history, and I will be grateful for your kind consideration of Idaho in this regard.

If you agree that Idaho is a better choice to be represented in Statuary Hall by a likeness of Chief Joseph – and if Idaho chooses to replace the figures now representing our state – your kind deferral would be most appreciated. Thank you once again for your time and consideration of this issue.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor of Idaho

cc: Speaker Tina Kotek 900 Court St. NE, Rm. 269 Salem, Oregon 97301;
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