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The Honorable Donald J. Trump President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20500

The Honorable Pete Hegseth Secretary of Defense U.S. Department of Defense 1000 Defense Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301 The Honorable Kristi Noem Secretary of Homeland Security U.S. Department of Homeland Security 3801 Nebraska Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump, Secretary Noem, and Secretary Hegseth,

I write to strongly condemn efforts by your administration to send federal troops to Portland, Oregon. In light of these concerns, I'm requesting an immediate meeting to discuss the legal basis and operational scope of these deployments.

Decisions to deploy military forces domestically, especially in communities that did not request or require their presence, warrant clear legal justification, transparency, and oversight. By bypassing consultation with Congress, the administration has further eroded public trust and is risking inflaming tensions on the ground. Oregonians deserve transparency and assurance that the use of military force—of which you have authorized "full force"—within our state is consistent with constitutional principles and public safety, not political gamesmanship.

I look forward to your prompt response and the opportunity to speak.

Sincerely,

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