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Dear Friends:

My thoughts and best wishes are with all those who are joining in the journey to New York City as part of the "Flight for Freedom 2."

Ever since the days of the pioneers, when folks would gather from miles around to participate in community barn-raising, the spirit of "neighbor helping neighbor" has been part of the Oregon story. That spirit is alive and well today because of individuals like each of you.

In the days following September 11, Oregonians reached out to our "neighbors" in New York City in a remarkable way. The "Flight for Freedom" sent a message that America was one nation and that Americans were one people. It was an important message then, and it's an important message now, and I congratulate all of you for giving your time and money to make the journey.

I have bragged about you to my Senate colleagues from New York, Senators Clinton and Schumer, and they have asked me to pass along their gratitude, as well.

It is an honor to represent you in the United States Senate. May your trip be a rewarding and successful one. Godspeed.

Best regards,



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