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Governor

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Flight For Freedom 2  
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Dear Friends:


I want to express my sincere congratulations for once again showing how Oregon can lead the nation in friendship as you embark on your second Flight for Freedom trip. Five years ago, 1,000 of my fellow Oregonians showed extraordinary courage, warmth and compassion as you flew from our home state to New York City to extend the hand of friendship to residents still rocked by the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks.

As you return to New York, you will see a city that has rebounded, showing the kind of resiliency that all Americans admire. Your efforts in 2001, publicly showing New Yorkers how much we all cared for their loss, was a big part of the rebuilding effort that continues to this day. As your Governor, I was proud in 2001 to be an Oregonian as we saw numerous stories in the media about your trip, standing defiant in the face of terrorism among the millions who wanted to move forward.

I know that your weekend in New York will be filled with many events that will revive very raw and important emotions. We will never forget what happened and I know that the Freedom Fliers will rekindle those feelings with visits to Ground Zero and other locations in the city.

I wish you the very best as, once again, you return to New York City as proud ambassadors of Oregon. I am sorry I cannot join you, but I look forward to hearing the positive and uplifting stories about your 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flight for Freedom trip.

Sincerely,



THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI  
Governor

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