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**Dear Members of the 2006 Flight for Freedom,**

**Congratulations on your remarkable return flight to New York. Five years ago, in the aftermath of the horrific September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, one thousand Oregonians flew from Portland to New York City and showed the people of New York we stand as one people, no matter where we live. As you embark on your second Flight for Freedom trip, I want to thank you for once again extending a hand of friendship to our fellow citizens.**

**As you return to New York, you will see a city that has rebounded, showing the kind of resiliency that all Americans admire, but I know that your weekend in that great city will also be filled with many events that will revive very raw emotions. I know that your efforts and your promise to never forget what happened on September 11, 2001 are much appreciated by the people of New York.**

**I wish you the very best as you return to New York City as proud ambassadors of Oregon and I look forward to hearing the positive and uplifting stories about your trip.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Wyden".

RON WYDEN  
United States Senator