



KATE BROWN  
Governor

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The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Mr. President:

On January 19, 2016, I spoke with Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Jerry Abramson to share my concerns with the handling of the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge by armed radicals. Today I spoke with James Comey, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I followed up on these conversations by sending the enclosed letter.

During my conversations, I conveyed the harm that is being done to the citizens of Harney County by the occupation, and the necessity that this unlawful occupation end peacefully and without further delay from federal law enforcement.

On behalf of all Oregonians, I appreciate your consideration of our desire to see this situation come to a close, and I thank you for your timely attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown

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