

**JOHN A. KITZHABER, M.D.**  
GOVERNOR



October 15, 2002

Mr. Greg Michael Reynolds  
PO Box 261  
Portland OR 97207-0261

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

This is to confirm that Governor Kitzhaber has received your application for executive clemency.

You should be aware that it normally takes approximately six months to process a clemency application. Because you submitted your application within the last six months of the Governor's term, it is unlikely that he will be able to review your file and make a decision before his term expires. However, should Governor Kitzhaber not be able to act upon your application, it will remain for the next administration's consideration.

Please keep our office informed of any mailing address change. The Office of the Governor will notify you when a decision has been made.

Sincerely,

Lorna M. Hobbs  
Legal Counsel Assistant

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JOHN A. KITZHABER, M.D.  
GOVERNOR



January 10, 2003

Mr. Greg Michael Reynolds  
PO Box 261  
Portland OR 97207-0261

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

The power to grant executive clemency is one that I take very seriously. I think a Governor's clemency power should be exercised sparingly, and only in the most extraordinary cases.

I have reviewed your application for a pardon, and have considered carefully whether it should be granted. Under the circumstances, I have concluded that a pardon is not warranted. I am therefore denying your application.

Sincerely,

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.  
Governor

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THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI  
GOVERNOR



March 14, 2003

Mr. Greg M. Reynolds  
35612 SE MacInnes Road  
Corbett OR 97019-9657

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

This is to confirm that Governor Kulongoski has received your application for executive clemency. The Governor will notify you when a decision has been made.

For your information, under Oregon law, the Governor cannot act on an application for at least 30 days. The application review process generally takes up to six months. If you submit any follow-up letters or information, they will be added to your file and the Governor will consider them when he reviews the entire file.

Please keep our office informed of any mailing address change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Lorna M. Hobbs', followed by a horizontal flourish.

Lorna M. Hobbs  
Assistant to General Counsel

THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI  
GOVERNOR



July 28, 2003

Mr. Greg Michael Reynolds  
35612 SE MacInnes Road  
Corbett OR 97019-9657

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I have received and reviewed your application for a pardon.

The power to grant executive clemency is a responsibility that I take very seriously. I believe that a Governor's clemency power should be exercised sparingly. The separation of powers inherent in our system of government and respect for the workings of the judicial system require that the Governor's clemency power be used in only the most extraordinary of circumstances.

I have considered carefully whether your application for pardon should be granted. Under the circumstances, I have concluded that a pardon is not warranted. I am therefore denying your application.

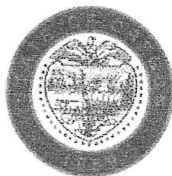
Sincerely,

THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI  
Governor

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October 16, 2002

Greg M. Reynolds  
PO Box 261  
Portland, OR 97207-0261

Re: Executive Clemency Application

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Your October 11, 2002, letter and accompanying materials have been referred to me.

I am not aware of any authority that would permit the Supreme Court to review your clemency application. Moreover, although you use the term "judicial review" in your letter and indirectly request that your conviction be overturned, you do not identify any jurisdictional basis upon which the court may proceed.

For those reasons, the court will not be taking any action in response either to your letter or to your clemency application. Thank you, however, for taking the time to write.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Keith M. Garza", written over a circular stamp.

Keith M. Garza  
Senior Staff Attorney to the  
Oregon Supreme Court

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GORDON H. SMITH  
OREGON

COMMITTEES:  
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3704

November 12, 2002

Mr. Greg M. Reynolds  
PO Box 261  
Portland, OR 97207

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your request for clemency. I appreciate the time you took to contact me about this matter.

Unfortunately, as a federal legislator, I do not have authority over judicial issues, local government or state government. My primary responsibility is to work toward the passage of federal legislation and to ensure that federal agencies adhere to the guidelines established by Congress. However, in an effort to be of all possible assistance, I have expressed my interest by forwarding a copy of your letter to Governor Kitzhaber, asking him to review your concerns and contact you directly regarding this matter.

I am confident that your concerns will be given thoughtful consideration and expect you will be hearing from the appropriate officials in the near future. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance to you with federal matters.

Sincerely,



Gordon H. Smith  
United States Senator

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January 22, 2003

Mr. Greg M. Reynolds  
35612 SE MacInnes Road  
Corbett, OR 97019

Re: Your January 14, 2003, Letter

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I have reviewed your letter, and this letter is in response.

You have included discussions of both the circumstances of the conviction for which you are seeking a pardon from the Governor and the reasons why you believe that the Supreme Court has jurisdiction to entertain an appeal concerning that conviction. I address only the latter.

The Oregon Supreme Court's appellate jurisdiction is set by statute. Without statutory authority, the Supreme Court lacks the power to hear an appeal. For the most part, the court's appellate jurisdiction is limited to review of decisions of the Oregon Court of Appeals. Even assuming that an appeal or a post-conviction proceeding from your 1994 conviction somehow could be deemed timely, it remains that none of the statutes that you reference give the Supreme Court authority to consider a direct appeal in your case. Moreover, I am not aware of any other statute that would allow the Supreme Court to consider your case in this posture, *i.e.*, as an appeal. Finally, I am not aware of any other basis upon which the Supreme Court properly could assume jurisdiction of your case. Accordingly, the court is not in a position to take any action on your letter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith M. Garza", written over a horizontal line.

Keith M. Garza  
Senior Staff Attorney to the  
Oregon Supreme Court

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RON WYDEN  
OREGON

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3703

January 29, 2003

Mr. Greg M. Reynolds  
35612 SE MacInnes Rd  
Corbett, OR 97019

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707 13th St, SE  
Suite 285  
Salem, OR 97301  
(503) 589-4555

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your applications for clemency with the State of Oregon. While I understand that this must be an extremely frustrating situation, please understand that, as a federal elected official, I have absolutely no power to effect the outcome of this matter.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to Governor Ted Kulongoski. For your information, Governor Kulongoski can be reached at the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Rm 160, 900 Court St NE, Salem, OR 97301-4047.

In the future, if I can assist you regarding a federal matter, please do not hesitate to contact Candi Bartasavich in my Portland office.

Sincerely,



RON WYDEN  
United States Senator

RW/ccb

cc: Governor Ted Kulongoski  
State of Oregon



GORDON H. SMITH  
OREGON

COMMITTEES:  
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FOREIGN RELATIONS

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3704

February 5, 2003

Mr. Greg M. Reynolds  
35612 SE MacInnes Road  
Corbett, OR 97019

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your request for a pardon. I appreciate the time you took to contact me about this matter.

As a federal legislator, I do not have authority over judicial issues, local government or state government. My primary responsibility is to work toward the passage of federal legislation and to ensure that federal agencies adhere to the guidelines established by Congress. Since you are requesting a pardon from the Governor of Oregon, I urge you to continue to work with the Governor's Office.

Again, thank you for taking the time to bring this matter to my attention. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance to you with federal matters.

Sincerely,



Gordon H. Smith  
United States Senator

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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April 21, 2003

Greg M. Reynolds  
35612 SE MacInnes Road  
Corbett, OR 97019

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Attorney General Hardy Myers has asked me to respond to your letter concerning your executive clemency application.

Regrettably, we are unable to assist you with this matter. The Department of Justice serves as the law firm for state agencies, boards, commissions and elected officials. Under Oregon law, the Department may not provide legal advice to private citizens. It is the Governor, not the Attorney General who has jurisdiction in clemency issues.

You may wish to contact a private attorney for further assistance. If so, you can obtain a list of attorneys who specialize in this area of law by contacting the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 1-800-452-8260.

I hope this information is useful.

Sincerely,

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KEVIN NEELY

Public Affairs and Legislative Coordinator

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## *Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability*

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January 19, 2004

### PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Greg M. Reynolds  
35612 S.E. MacInnes Road  
Corbett, OR 97019

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

This will acknowledge receipt of your complaint to the Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability about an unnamed Lane County judge who handled a legal matter involving you in 1994. The Commission is unable to review your complaint without a judge being identified. Consequently, no action will be taken on your matter.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL FITNESS  
AND DISABILITY

Susan D. Isaacs  
Executive Director

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## Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability

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July 21, 2004

### PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Greg M. Reynolds  
35612 S.E. MacInnes road  
Corbett, OR 97019

Re: Complaint No. 04-083 about Judge Pierre L. Van Rysselberghe

Dear Mr.Reynolds:

Thank you for your letter regarding the above-referenced matter. The Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability will review the complaint at the next scheduled meeting. The Commission meets every two months. When it receives a complaint, the Commission first determines whether the facts, if proved, would constitute misconduct serious enough to justify exercise of the Commission's authority. The Commission has limited authority as defined in Section 8 of the Oregon Constitution (attached). If the complaint charges primarily that a judge decided the case wrongly on the facts or the law, the Commission does not have jurisdiction. In that case, the proper reviewing body is a higher court. If the complaint appears to charge misconduct within the Commission's jurisdiction, the Commission makes such preliminary investigation as it deems necessary to determine whether formal proceedings should be instigated and a hearing held. Usually after the preliminary investigation and communication with the judge, the problem is resolved, the matter is concluded. A small percentage of the complaints filed proceed to a formal hearing.

You should be aware that the Oregon Statutes provide that all documents filed, preliminary investigation and disposition are confidential (attached). In those cases, not proceeding to a formal hearing (which is nearly 95% of the cases), the complainant will not receive specific information on the results of the Commission's investigation or disposition and will only be notified that the matter is terminated. It would be a violation of the law to release any further information. When a formal hearing is held, the decision of the Commission is a public record, and you will be notified of the hearing and the decision.

Very truly yours,

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL FITNESS  
AND DISABILITY

Susan D. Isaacs  
Executive Director

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