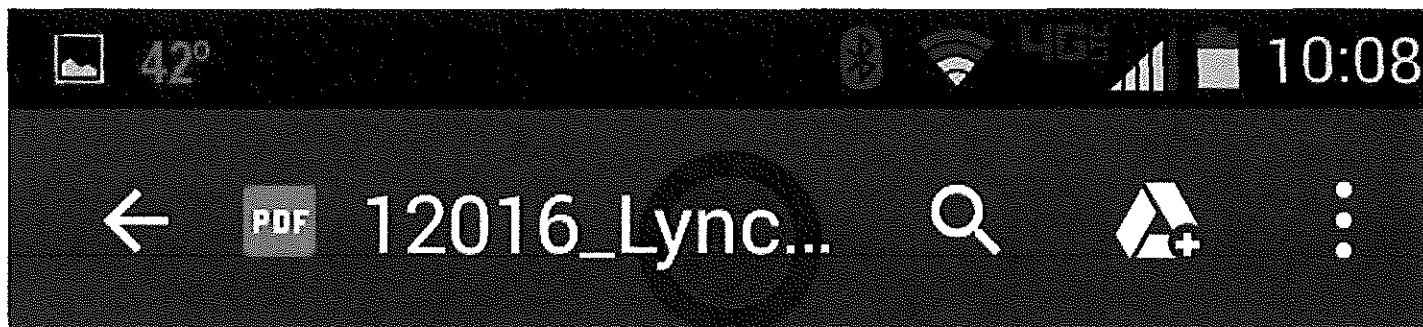




KATE BROWN
Governor

January 20, 2016

The Honorable Loretta E. Lynch
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

The Honorable James B. Comey
FBI Headquarters
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20535-0001

Madam Attorney General and Director Comey:

Earlier today I spoke with Mr. Comey to share my issues with the handling of the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge by armed radicals.

The citizens of Harney County are resilient and diverse and include members of the Burns-Paiute Tribe. Like most Oregonians, those from Harney County have a history of resolving difficult issues through a collaborative approach. They have worked hard through the years to develop the Malheur Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan, the Harney County Wetlands Initiative, the Harney County Restoration Collaborative, the Harney County Wildfire Collaborative, and SageCon. It is for this work that they should be recognized, and yet the national focus has instead been fixed on outsiders seeking to exploit and manipulate a local matter for their own agenda.

As you are both aware, for more than two weeks now, these radicals have been allowed to stay unlawfully in the refuge approximately 30 miles to the south of Burns, Oregon, in Harney County. While it is easy to assume that an occupation in such a remote location does not threaten public safety and does not harm any victims, that perception is far from accurate.

Even before the events of January 2, 2016, the local community was put under strain by the presence of outsiders who made unrealistic demands and began harassing law enforcement and their family members. While all were prepared for a tense but lawful protest on January 2 in the

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enforcement contact or interaction. The residents of Harney County are being intimidated in their own hometown by armed criminals who appear to be seeking occasions for confrontation. The harm being done to the innocent men, women and children in Harney County is real and manifest. With each passing day, tensions increase exponentially.

In addition to the federal agents deployed in town, the Oregon State Police and counties and cities from around the state are continuing to deploy additional officers to enhance local patrol and community safety. The reality is that this is not a sustainable law enforcement model for an extended period of time.

Because this occupation has occurred on federal land, it is appropriate that the FBI and other federal law enforcement entities are the leaders on any response to it, and we appreciate the recognition of their responsibility in this situation. They asked state officials, including me, to limit our public comments, which I have done, with considerable difficulty.

However, for the citizens of Harney County and indeed all Oregonians, I must insist on a swift resolution to this matter. Efforts to negotiate have not been successful, and now it is unclear what steps, if any, federal authorities might take to bring this untenable situation to an end and restore normalcy to this community.

I request on behalf of my fellow Oregonians that you instruct your agencies to end the unlawful occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge as safely and quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kate Brown".

Governor Kate Brown

KB/LLM/sb



Kate Brown
Governor

January 20, 2016

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,
Handwritten signature of Kate Brown in black ink.

Governor Kate Brown

HEB:msb



January 19, 2016**Tuesday**

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TUESDAY**19**

From Jan 17

FGO - out of state

To Jan 20

DFO: [REDACTED]

7 AM**7:00 am work block**
Governor's office**8****8:15 am media prep with Comms**
Governor's office; Kate Brown Schedule * GOV**9****9:00 am Exec Team mtg;** Kristen's office**9:30 am meeting with Kristen L;** Governor's office; Kate Brown Schedule * GOV**10****10:00 am Mtg with Sen. Devlin (Ivo staffing);** Governor's office; Kate Brown Schedule * GOV**10:30 am TC with Judge Grasty;** Governor**10:40 am TC with Supt Evans****10:50 am TC with Sen. Wyden****11****11:00 am Senior Staff meeting**
OCR**12 PM****12:00 noon - brown bag lunch mtg with Kristen L. Elana, Ben**
Cortemorial Office * GOV; Kate Brown Schedule * GOV**1****1:00 pm TC with WH;** He will call Governor's cell; Kate Brown Schedule**1:15 pm TC with Sheriff Ward;** Governor to call 541 [REDACTED]**2****2:15 pm TC with Cong. Walden;** Governor to call his cell 541 [REDACTED]**2:30 pm - personal****3****4****5****5:30 pm - personal appt/class****6****7:00pm - 7:30pm to Mahanada**

Kate Brown Schedule * GOV

January 20, 2016**Wednesday**

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WEDNESDAY**20**

From Jan 17

FOO - out of state

DPO

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7:45 am TC with Jeremy and Lynn

8:00 am Media prep with Gina and Kristen G.; Governor's office; K

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8:50 am LOC Meeting (Annette & Lisa)

9:40 am Intergovernmental Coordinati

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9:05 am TC with FBI Director James Come

9:40 am AOC Meeting (Annette & Lisa)

9:30 am Mtg & phone calls with Lindsey

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10:00 am Mtg with Ivo and Mike Kaplan; Governor's office; Kate B

10:25 am media prep with Kristen G. & Gina
Governor's office

Kate Brown Schedule * GOV

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11:30 am - Press conference; GCO; Kate Brown Schedule * GOV

12 PM

12:15 pm travel to Portland

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1:30 pm Interview with Matt Winkler, Bloomberg News (Chris staffing)

Business Oregon, 171 SW Salmon, Deschutes Room; Kate Brown Schedule * GOV

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2:30 pm - personal

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4:00 pm

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5:00 pm

5:30 pm dinner break

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7:15pm - 8:15pm 7:15 pm (no remarks) Trail Blazers license plate unveiling event (Chris, Kevin staffing)(Media Center)

8:10pm - 9:00pm stay in Portland

Kate Brown Schedule * GOV

January 21, 2016**Thursday**

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THURSDAY	
21	OPD [REDACTED]
7 AM	
8	8:00 am personal appointment [REDACTED]
9	9:15 am - personal mtg: [REDACTED] 9:30 am - personal [REDACTED]
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12 PM	11:45 am - arrive at Hilton 11:45 am (SE) Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette 2016 Annual Luncheon (Melissa & Kevin staffing) Downtown Hilton, 921 SW 6th Avenue, Portland Kate Brown Schedule * GOV
1	1:30 pm personal [REDACTED]
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3	3:00 pm Media prep with Kristen G. Business Oregon, Stumpson conference room, 121 SW Salmon, Port Kate Brown Schedule * GOV 3:25 pm - Phone interview with OPB All Things Considered (Kristi)
4	4:00 pm - stop by mtg [REDACTED] Dilkes, etc. (see below for list) 4:30 pm TC with Greg Bretz [REDACTED] Governor to call 801 [REDACTED] 4:15 pm TC with Valerie Jarrett; Governor to call 202 [REDACTED]
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6	5:45 pm - personal event [REDACTED]
	7:00pm - 7:30pm stay in Portland

January 24, 2016**Sunday****January 2016**

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SUNDAY**24**

DPU: [REDACTED]

7 AM**8****9****10****11****12:00 noon TC with Valeria Jarrett****1**8/7 [REDACTED] (prep time)
Access Code [REDACTED]
Kate Brown Schedule * GOV**2****2:00 pm Work block****3****4****5****6**

January 27, 2016**Wednesday**

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WEDNESDAY

27

OPIE: [REDACTED]

7 AM

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8:00 am Exec Staff conference call

Governor's Conference Room - call in BBB [REDACTED]

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9:00 am Mtg with Jeremy; Governor's office

9:45 am TC with Valerie Jarrett; Kate Brown Schedule * GOV

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10:15 am Mtg with Ben

10:30 am Mtg with Ivo; Governor's office

11

11:00 am work block

12 PM

12:00 noon - lunch break

12:30 pm Mtg with Ben and Misha; Governor's office; Kate Brown

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1:00 pm - media availability (OPB, KGW, KATU, phone call with NYT)

Ceremonial Office * GOV & CCR

Kate Brown Schedule * GOV

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2:00 pm [REDACTED]

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Return to Salem

5:30 pm TC with Gov. Inslee: He will call Governor's state call

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6:00 pm phone interview with Deris Theriault (Oregonian), (Kristen G. staffing); Kate Brown Schedule * GOV

9:10pm - 10:00pm stay in Salem