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Dear Jeff:

What will we do without you? The Hanford Advisory Board (HAB), indeed the Northwest, has truly benefitted from your wisdom, your thoughtfulness, your commitment and, yes, your humor.

From the creation of the HAB, we have counted on you to connect us with the rest of the Nation. You've carried the message of Hanford's problems to DOE-HQ and to stakeholders throughout the DOE complex.

Your efforts with the EMAB, the National Governor's Association and the Keystone Foundation were instrumental in changing how DOE values public involvement through the creation of the Site Specific Advisory Boards and open public participation.

Your commitment toward public participation as an essential element in an open democracy carried the HAB into a series of successful public workshops on the disposal of weapons plutonium and ultimately our urging DOE to establish a National Dialogue.

In your frequent role as a liaison, the Oregon Hanford Waste Board, the Oregon Office of Energy, and the Washington and Oregon Delegations have had the benefit of your insights into the politics of the beltway. By using your political savvy to promote informed, considered discussions, you've consistently framed issues in a rational and useful way to move us forward to productive advice.

We wish all the best for you, Jeff, in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Merilyn B. Reeves, Chair  
Hanford Advisory Board

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