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Oregon GOP Chair Welcomes the Confirmation of Jeff Sessions as US Attorney General Anticipates Resolution of Pending Scandal Investigation, New US Attorney

Wilsonville, OR— Oregon Republican Party Chairman Bill Currier issued a statement welcoming the confirmation of Attorney General Sessions. “Finally, we have a top law enforcement officer leading the Justice Department (DoJ) who has the experience, integrity, and fidelity to the law that our nation needs,” said Chairman Currier. “In particular, we are eager to see the long overdue enforcement of federal immigration laws, among other pressing priorities.”

One topic of great interest in Oregon is the status and lack of a result in the [ongoing federal investigation started in early 2015 into allegations of influence peddling involving John Kitzhaber and his fiancée, Cylvia Hayes](#). Before Hillary Clinton had her email server “wiping” scandal, Kitzhaber was implicated in trying to destroy emails that were considered relevant to the ongoing federal investigation. A whistleblower derailed his attempt, which led to Kitzhaber being pressured to step down three weeks into his new term of office.

"It has been two years since disgraced ex-Governor Kitzhaber resigned over the email deletion and influence peddling scandal and the case seems to have gotten buried in somewhere in the DoJ last described as being [“under investigation.”](#) Perhaps a new Attorney General will finally complete the investigation and expose the exact nature of the corruption that was hidden from Oregonians,” stated Currier.

Oregon has also been without a US Attorney since Amanda Marshall, who resigned under a cloud of scandal and impropriety almost 2 years ago. “We are also hopeful that AG Sessions will be able to assist the President in finally getting Oregon a US Attorney. It’s time to move on from the personnel shenanigans and narrow pursuit of the far left political agenda of the Obama Administration and get back to law, order, and justice.”

Another matter of great interest to Oregonians that is pending from the Obama era is the [congressionally-requested DoJ criminal investigation into suspected fraud and cover up of \\$305 Million in Federal Funds squandered on the failed Cover Oregon healthcare exchange website.](#)

Many in Oregon are also hoping that with a new AG we can expect a review of the harsh sentencing of the Hammonds, as well as an investigation of the questionable conduct of officials from the Bureau of Land Management who were involved in the case.

“In a state governed by one party for 35 years - a party that has become dismissive of government transparency and accountability - public corruption has become a huge issue,” said Currier. “We look forward to the proper role a well-led U.S. Department of Justice can play in restoring the public trust and bringing justice back to Oregon.”



The Oregon Republican Party is the state's arm of the Republican National Committee. Its Chairman and officers are dedicated to promoting Republican principles within the state of Oregon and to improving the lives and livelihoods of Oregon's working families through economic freedom and equal protection under the law.

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