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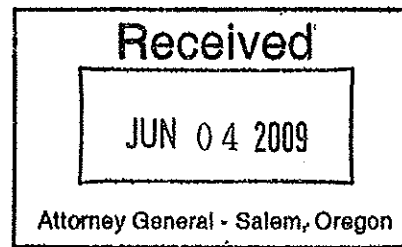
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VIA FEDEX

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Re: *Investigation of Mayor Sam Adams*

Dear Attorney General Kroger:

We write to offer a perspective on the investigation nearly completed by your office of the matters referred to in the January 21, 2009 letter to you from Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schrunk and Portland Police Bureau Chief Rozie Sizer. As explained more fully below, although the Mayor clearly exercised poor judgment both in the brief relationship with Mr. Breedlove and in his false denial of the same, he committed no crimes.

Background

On the weekend of January 17, 2009, Mayor Adams travelled to Washington, D.C. with a delegation of Mayors to attend the inauguration of Barack Obama. Mayor Adams should have been in good spirits. He was about to take part in historic inaugural events and he was coming off his own decisive, historic election as the first openly gay Mayor of a major American city.

The Mayor was not in a celebratory mood, however. Just before his departure, he submitted to an interview with *Willamette Week* reporter Nigel Jacquiss and Editor Mark Zusman. Jacquiss and Zusman claimed to have "new information" and a "new witness" and announced they were running a story regarding an issue that the Mayor thought had long been put to rest: the Mayor's purported sexual relationship with Beau Breedlove, a young man who was 17-years-old when the two first met. Despite the fact that the Mayor and Mr. Breedlove had a very brief sexual relationship over one weekend approximately one month after Mr. Breedlove became an adult, the Mayor initially denied any sexual relationship, Mr. Breedlove did the same at the Mayor's suggestion, and the story largely died.¹ When

¹ We understand that Portland developer Bob Ball, for his own political reasons, originally spread the rumor that Mayor Adams had sex with Breedlove prior to his 18th birthday. In response Adams denied that any sexual relationship had occurred and that his relationship with Breedlove was purely platonic.