**February 23, 2015**

**Dear Valued Constituent**

With the first four weeks of legislative work already behind us, we’ve already accomplished quite a bit in ensuring that Oregonians who work hard have a chance to pursue the American Dream. This session, I’ve been adamant that we prioritize expanded opportunities, rewarded work, and fairness for all Oregonians.

I’ve also been working specifically to improve the lives of Oregon’s veterans. Oregon’s veterans have made substantial sacrifices to ensure our safety at a state and country, and it is critical that we do our part to give back.

I’ve introduced legislation to assist veterans when applying for federal and state benefits by establishing the **Veterans’ Benefit Economic Development Fund**.

I’ve also been working to provide a **tax credit for qualified veterans** to provide monetary relief to those who have sacrificed greatly.

Finally, I’m hoping to **increase educational and career training opportunities for our veterans** by establishing the Oregon Educational and Workforce Development Bridge Loan Program.

In addition to improving the lives of Oregon’s vets, I hope to pass a number of legislative priorities designed to expand local wineries and eco-tourism, and improve sustainment efforts in the agriculture industry. Agriculture in the Willamette valley is critical to our local communities, and we need to do all we can to ensure its growth and ongoing success.

If the past four weeks is an indicator of things to come, I am excited about what else we can and will do in fighting for Oregon’s future.

Paul Evans

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P.S. Please take a moment to visit my legislative website ([www.oregonlegislature.gov/evans](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/evans/)) as we are constantly updating it with pertinent information concerning upcoming events and general news.