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## FW: Representative Harker Recommendation

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**Angie Aguilar**

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To: Lynda GROW <lynda.grow@multco.us>

**Mon, Dec 19, 2011 at 1:06  
PM**

Lynda,  
Please forward this to your Board -Thx.

-----Original Message-----

From: David Ellis [mailto:[dgellis@lclark.edu](mailto:dgellis@lclark.edu)]

Sent: Sunday, December 18, 2011 8:14 AM

To: Angie Aguilar

Cc: David Ellis

Subject: Representative Harker

Dear Commissioners:

I write to give my personal recommendation of Chris Harker as the most qualified candidate to replace Suzanne Bonamici in the Oregon State Senate. I have known Chris for more than a decade and have watched him raise his family, build his business and most recently serve in the Oregon House. Chris is a principled concensus builder who will work tirelessly to understand the issues and make the best decisions for those he represents and for the State. You will not regret selecting Chris and we will all benefit from such a decision. Of course I speak for myself and not for Lewis & Clark College.

Thank you for the work you do.

David Ellis

VP, Secretary and General Counsel

## Lewis & Clark College

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To the Commissioners of Multnomah and Washington Counties:

I write to endorse the appointment of Rep. Chris Harker to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Suzanne Bonamici from the Oregon Senate.

I have known Rep. Harker for two and one-half years. During that time we have had many extended conversations on a variety of public policy issues. I continue to be impressed with the sophistication of his grasp of these issues. Rep. Harker is one of the most thoughtful, hard-working public servants I have met. We are very lucky to have such representation in Oregon.

As you might expect, many conversations between Rep. Harker and me revolved around higher education policy. I can attest that there is no member of the legislature with a better, broader understanding of the higher ed landscape in Oregon than Rep. Harker.

You face a large responsibility in making this appointment. The choice will affect the entire state. In my view, appointing Rep. Harker to fill this Senate seat will be a wise, even inspired action. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my thoughts with you.  
Sincerely,

Richard W. Lariviere  
President  
University of Oregon  
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