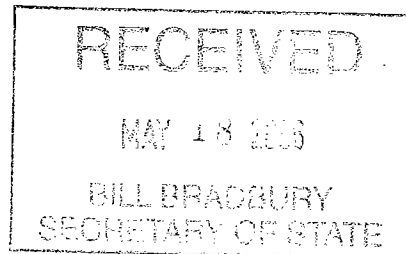


**Oregon Association  
of Hospitals and Health Systems**

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Bill Bradbury  
Secretary of State  
136 State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301



Dear Secretary Bradbury:

According to the web-site of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), [www.seiu49.org](http://www.seiu49.org) and your published calendar, you are hosting a meeting next week of a "Workers' Rights Board Fair Election Oversight Commission." SEIU reports that this forum will be accepting "testimony" from witnesses concerning "elections." I am writing on behalf of the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems to inquire about your authority to convene such a meeting, your purpose in doing so, the process you will be using and the results, if any, you expect.

Although it appears that you are conducting this session in your official capacity, we do not understand the basis for your office's involvement in elections not involving registered voters and candidates or public questions warranting voter consideration. Can you direct us to the statutory authority for this involvement? In addition, what is a "Workers' Rights Board," and what is a "Fair Election Oversight Commission"? Can you further direct us to information about the role and function of these types of entities in the past?

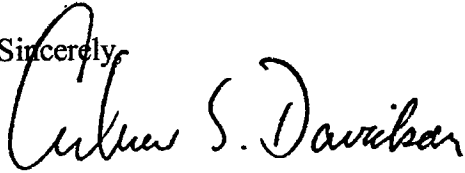
We also cannot tell who the members of the "Fair Election Oversight Commission" will be or what "election experts" will be addressing the commission. Will these be representatives of your office, from the SEIU or from the National Labor Relations Board, for instance? Will you be presiding at this meeting? What will its format be? Because it's being held in a public facility under your auspices, we assume it's a "public meeting." If so, what efforts have you taken to provide public notice and an opportunity for public participation?

Because we have just learned of this meeting and are unclear what its implications might be for Oregon hospitals, we would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to understand your interest in sponsoring this meeting. While time is short, we would like to meet with you in person before next Wednesday evening in order to ascertain whether participation by Oregon hospitals in the meeting is warranted. We fully appreciate the scheduling challenges this may present for you, your staff and/or your legal counsel because of your significant responsibilities this week for overseeing the Primary Election and the myriad proposed initiatives circulating for voter consideration.

Given the potential magnitude of this issue for Oregon hospitals and other employers in the state in their management-labor relations, we hope you will make this request one of your highest priorities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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