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Dear Ross Lienhart,

I am contacting you today after seeing your name on the board of Portland State Foundation.

I am the director of Oregon Cartoon Institute, a non profit organization fiscally sponsored by Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission. Oregon Cartoon Institute works to raise awareness of Oregon's rich film, animation and cartooning history. We have no brick and mortar presence and always work in partnership with organizations and institutions which do.

In 2011-2012, Oregon Cartoon Institute partnered successfully with PSU to create two public history/arts education events celebrating the life and work of Mel Blanc. The School of Fine & Performing Arts donated use of Lincoln Hall for the final Mel Blanc lecture on June 29, 2011 (we later heard Johnny Depp was in the audience!) and the History Department partnered with us to bring Robert Johnston to Neuberger Hall on Feb. 8, 2012.

Susan Kirtley, the head of the new Cartoon Studies program, and Michael Clark, the director of Portland Center for Public Humanities, are enthusiastic about partnering with Oregon Cartoon Institute again in 2016. We want to work together to present a one day conference which focuses on the role played by Portland's underground press in nurturing the careers of an extraordinary group of writers and artists, many of whom either became cartoonists or wrote about cartooning. What is it about Portland which results in a cartoon/comics friendly sensibility? We hope to replicate the success of the earlier partnerships as we explore these questions.

In the intervening years, PSU has put new policies in place governing partnerships with non-PSU groups. An additional layer of administrative approval is needed for our project to proceed.

I am thinking your feedback may help me and Susan and Michael make the best possible presentation of the project to the PSU administration. Do you have any advice for us?

Thank you for considering this request for counsel! Laura Berg says you remember me from way, way back when we were teenagers. I remember that too. We pulled tansy on your grandfather's farm. He gave me a pair of jeans I wore for ages.

Sincerely,

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