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United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.  
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Ms. Heather Renz  
Vern Patrick Elementary School  
3001 S.W. Obsidian Avenue  
Redmond, OR 97756

Dear Ms. Renz:

Congratulations on being one of two Oregon teachers to receive a National Disney Education Award. Your students and the administration at Vern Patrick Elementary School are very fortunate to have such an innovative, inspirational teacher. I cannot think of a more rewarding career than instilling enthusiasm for learning and starting children on the road to education that leads everyone to a better life.

As Lee Iococca once said: "In a completely rational society the best of us would be teachers and the rest of us would have to settle for something less." Thank you for all you are doing to make the world a better place for children

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon H. Smith".

Gordon H. Smith  
United States Senator

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