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Bob,

I wanted you to know that you have a fan in a very high place. See the letter below.

Best regards,  
Paul



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Hi Paul -- I know this is a little late, but I really was so impressed by these articles that i thought I'd at least let you know . .

To the Editor:

I admit that I usually scan the Bulletin on an airplane several months after receipt and out of a sense of obligation to keep track of lawyer moves and OSB activities. Compelling history and intriguing facts, let alone moving poetry, are not what I expect. But that's just what I found in the October issue. Bob Zybach's fascinating accounting of Letitia Carson's lawsuit to recover the property left her by the father of her children shined a light on a forgotten story of the Oregon territory -- a black woman, the white man she lived with, their children, and recovering the property she to which she was entitled. Against a larger backdrop of injustice and discrimination, it was nevertheless inspiring to learn that she was able to find a lawyer and to prevail in court -- a reminder that lawyers and courts have long played a positive role in helping ensure justice. No less enlightening was Jennie Bricker's article about bike commuting, but that also included a colorful brief history of the bicycle, with facts and stories unknown to me. Including William Stafford's wonderful poem, "Maybe Alone on My Bike," brought together the physical, social, and historical aspects of cycling with Stafford's existential reminder to us all. Well done.

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