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Governor

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Dear Mr. Berggren and Ms. Kane:

I received your request for the Lane County Food Distribution effort to be designated as an Oregon Solutions project. After reviewing your letter and the assessment conducted by the Oregon Solutions staff, I agree that the proposal supports Oregon's sustainable community objectives and by this letter, designate this effort as an Oregon Solutions project. I am appointing Senator Floyd Prozanski and Rick Wright as co-conveners who will lead a team of public, private and civic partners toward an integrated solution.

It is important to understand the challenges facing buyers in sourcing more food from local farms and I am pleased that the community is looking for innovative solutions to address aggregation, processing, storage, and distribution infrastructure. Taking steps to increase the economic health of farmers will provide great benefits to the entire community.

The Oregon Solutions approach will help you bring together the potential partners in a neutral and collaborative way to address issues and needs. By integrating and leveraging investments, this project has the potential to strengthen the ties between the public, private and civic sectors to create lasting positive change. Please keep me updated on this project and thank you for your work and enthusiasm so far.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theodore R. Kulongoski", written over a circular flourish.

THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI
Governor

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