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Dear Mr. Walls, Superintendent Gallagher and Mr. Schreder:

Thank you for your request to designate the Western Regional Innovation and Learning Center based at the Daly Middle School in Lakeview as an Oregon Solutions project. This project between the existing Lake County Renewable Energy Working Group and the other pertinent regional stakeholders will produce both the governance structure for the Learning Center and a wide range of innovative learning opportunities. I am enthusiastic about how the project addresses the triple bottom line of the Sustainable Community Objectives and advances a regional priority of the South Central Regional Solutions Advisory Committee.

I am pleased to designate this as an Oregon Solutions project and to appoint ***Dr. Roberto Gutierrez***, President, Klamath Community College and ***Superintendent Sean Gallagher***, Lake County School District #7, as co-conveners. Community leaders have demonstrated their commitment to innovative education by working together since 2008 toward the creation of a center that will improve individual lives and the greater community by offering education that is normally accessible elsewhere, as well as innovative educational programs unique to the region focused on renewable energy.

Lake County is one of the most isolated communities in the state, often forcing residents to leave the county for the advanced education necessary to secure or retain a job. With its physical location having been a barrier to advanced education opportunities, the center will take

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advantage of "distance learning technologies." These programs will be multi-directional, allowing students to access courses from other campuses as well as to transmit local programs to anywhere in the world.

Please keep my office updated on this effort and thank you for the preliminary work and accomplishments demonstrated thus far. These efforts will support Oregonians living in the region and throughout the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Kitzhaber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.
Governor

cc Greg Wolf
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