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Dr. Roberto Gutierrez
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Dear Mr. Massie and Dr. Gutierrez:


Thank you for your request to designate Klamath IDEA as an Oregon Solutions project. The project will bring education, economic development, private business, financial institutions, municipal, county, and state governments together with entrepreneurs, innovators, and successful businesses to accelerate and promote marketable commodities and job creation ideas to expand the local and state economy.

Achieving your objectives will position Klamath County and the Southeastern region of Oregon as a center of innovation in sustainable and lean manufacturing, alternative energy generation development, software and hardware technology development, and value added natural resource and agricultural based product development. These categories support job creation in the region and utilize the primary focus of the local institutions of higher learning. This project will benefit regional communities through incremental job growth, new synergy opportunities across this rural region, and giving students entering Oregon Tech an opportunity to create and develop the businesses needed to grow the economy.

I am enthusiastic about how the Klamath IDEA project addresses this regional priority established by the South Central Regional Solutions Advisory Committee. This will be a sustainable project through equity participation in supported projects, reinvestment of monies earned through program services, and ongoing fundraising activities to capitalize expansion.

I am pleased to designate this as an Oregon Solutions project and to appoint Betty Riley and Adam Burwell as co-conveners. Thank you for your role in sponsoring this collaborative project. Please keep my office updated on this effort and thank you for the preliminary work and accomplishments demonstrated thus far. Your efforts will support Oregonians living in Klamath County and will serve as an example to others throughout the state.

Sincerely,



John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.
Governor

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