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Governor

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President Thomas Insko
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President Rahmat Shoureshi
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Dear President Insko and President Shoureshi:

Thank you for your letters requesting the designation of the Urban-Rural Ambassador Program as an Oregon Solutions project.

Oregon's future depends on urban and rural Oregonians working together, to understand both their differences and common challenges. I am excited about the positive impact of this urban-rural partnership, and impressed with the cooperation between your two universities on this important matter.

I hereby designate the Urban-Rural Ambassador Program as an Oregon Solutions project, and am asking Dean Stephen Percy of Portland State University's College of Urban and Public Affairs, and Nathan Lowe, Eastern Oregon University's Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, to be co-conveners of this project.

Thank you once again for your collaborative efforts, and I wish you great success.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown

cc: Dean Stephen Percy, PSU
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