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Dear Mr. Young and Mr. Bishop:

I have received your letter requesting the Charleston Coastal and Ocean Center be designated as an Oregon Solutions project. After reviewing the letter and the assessment conducted by the Oregon Solutions staff, I feel that the project supports Oregon's Sustainable Community Objectives, encompassing environmental, economic and community objectives. By this letter I am designating this project as an Oregon Solutions project and appointing Senator Joanne Verger and Representative Arnie Roblan as the co-conveners.

The Charleston Coastal and Ocean Center facility will serve both the community and the citizens of Oregon that seek to take advantage of ecotourism opportunities, and want to learn about coastal management and health. Building the necessary relationships with diverse partners to accomplish these goals in Charleston is extremely valuable now and for ongoing support of the project.

The Oregon Solutions approach will help you bring together all the potential partners in a collaborative way to address issues and needs while leveraging investments. The work that you accomplish in Charleston can serve as a model for other small communities throughout the state that seek to undertake similar development projects.

You should expect contact from an Oregon Solutions representative in the near future who will provide you with assistance in moving this project forward. In the meantime, please accept my thanks and appreciation for your efforts in helping to create an exciting vision for the entire South Coast community.

Sincerely,

THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI  
Governor

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