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Governor

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Rick Jacobson, President and CEO  
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Dear Rick:

I received your letter requesting designation of the Sustainability Resource Center as an Oregon Solutions project. After reviewing your project, I believe that the Sustainability Resource Center supports Oregon's economic, social and environmental objectives, and I support the endeavor as an Oregon Solutions project. I understand from your letter that Thayne Dutson of the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences has volunteered to serve as the Convener of the project.

The Center addresses Oregon's Sustainability Objectives. I am pleased to hear this project will create an opportunity for growers to voluntarily make changes in their practices for greater stewardship. Of the many benefits to increased stewardship, we anticipate these efforts will have an impact on the health of the Willamette River.

The Oregon Solutions approach will help you to accelerate the pace of the project, overcome potential impediments early on, and bring effective partners to the table to create and maintain the Sustainability Resource Center. I am eager to hear about the progress of this project and enthusiastic about the impact for our state.

Sincerely,

THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI  
Governor

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