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JOHN A. KITZHABER, MD
Governor

Commissioner David Itzen
Curry County Board of Commissioners

Jan Hayes
Curry County Director of Administration and Economic Development
94235 Moore Street
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Dear Commissioner Itzen and Ms. Hayes:

Thank you for your request to designate the Curry County Housing Stock Upgrade Initiative as an Oregon Solutions project. Oregon Solutions would lead a team of public, private, and civic partners to produce a viable funding package for homeowners who want to replace their substandard manufactured homes with energy efficient, safer, and more valuable manufactured homes. I am persuaded that this project addresses the triple bottom line of the Sustainable Community Objectives and addresses important Southern Oregon Regional Solutions Committee priorities in the areas of energy efficiency, jobs, environmental protection, and human health.

I am pleased to designate this as an Oregon Solutions project and to appoint *Commissioner David Itzen*, Curry County Board of Commissioners and *Christine Stallard*, Marketing/Member Services Manager, Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, as co-conveners. I recognize the additional potential benefit from job opportunities stemming from both the decommissioning of unhealthy manufactured homes and the construction of new manufactured energy efficient homes.

I am pleased that Curry County is sponsoring this collaborative project. I support the Housing Stock Upgrade Initiative objective of identifying and integrating sufficient resources, incentives, and savings from energy efficiencies so that homeowners have a financially realistic opportunity to replace their rural substandard housing, specifically obsolete manufactured homes. It is exciting that the Curry County pilot project may serve as a model for regional application in Coos, Douglas, and Josephine Counties, and potentially others across the state.

Please keep my office updated on this effort and thank you for the preliminary work and enthusiasm demonstrated thus far. Your collaborative efforts to integrate resources to replace substandard housing has the potential for enormous benefits for low and moderate income Oregonians living in substandard housing. I wish you well!

Sincerely,

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.
Governor

cc: Greg Wolf
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