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Dear Mr. Espana, Mr. Cornelius, and Mr. Alexander:

Thank you for your request to designate the NAYA Generations project proposed for the former Foster Elementary School in the Lents Neighborhood as an Oregon Solutions project. I believe this collaborative effort between the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), Guardian Real Estate Services (GRES), Portland Public Schools (PPS) and the other pertinent regional stakeholders can demonstrate how integrating multiple services and resources will produce long term benefits through culturally specific early childhood learning, wrap-around family services and intergenerational adoption or guardianship opportunities.

I am pleased to designate this as an Oregon Solutions project and to appoint Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer, Oregon State Representative for House District 46, and Donalda Dodson, Executive Director, Oregon Child Development Coalition, as co-conveners. Community leaders have demonstrated their commitment to work collaboratively in bringing this innovative concept forward. I am enthusiastic about how the project addresses the triple bottom line of the Sustainable Community Objectives and advances regional priorities.

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Thank you for sponsoring this collaborative project. Please keep my office updated on this effort. Your efforts can support Oregonians living in the region as well as provide an example of innovation for others throughout the state. Thank you also for the preliminary work and accomplishments you have achieved thus far. I wish you well!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Kitzhaber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.  
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cc: Wendy Willis, Director of Civic Engagement, National Policy Consensus Center