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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I received your request that the Oregon Electric Vehicle Collaborative be designated as an Oregon Solutions project. After reviewing your request letters and the assessment summary conducted by Oregon Solutions staff, I feel this project supports Oregon's Sustainable Community Objectives. Therefore, I designate this as an Oregon Solutions project and appoint *former CEO of Portland General Electric Jim Piro* as convener to lead a team of public, private, and civic partners toward innovative solutions to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles in Oregon.

Climate change presents significant risks to social, environmental, and economic health and security in Oregon. In an effort to combat climate change and these negative effects, Oregon has adopted the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 10 percent below 1990 levels by 2020 and at least 75 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. Transportation emissions from internal combustion engines burning fossil fuels is a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon. Converting these fossil-fuel dependent vehicles to zero-emission vehicles is critical to achieving climate change goals in Oregon.



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I am pleased that you are working collaboratively to bring together public, private, and civic partners to help accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles and thereby contribute to Oregon's emissions goals. Oregon Solutions can play a unique and important role by providing a neutral facilitation process to help coordinate and implement a plan for acceleration. Please keep the governor's office updated on this effort and thank you for your work and enthusiasm thus far.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Brown" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Governor Kate Brown

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