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Dear Mr. Bailey:

It is with great pleasure that we write to announce your appointment to the Oregon Task Force on Land Use Planning, established under Senate Bill 82 (2005). Thank you for your willingness to commit your time, talent and effort over the next several years in public service toward this critical undertaking for the future of Oregon.

As stated in Senate Bill 82, the purpose of the task force is to "study and make recommendations on:

- The effectiveness of Oregon's land use planning program in meeting current and future needs of Oregonians in all parts of the state;
- The respective roles and responsibilities of state and local governments in land use planning; and
- Land use issues specific to areas inside and outside urban growth boundaries and the interface between areas inside and outside urban growth boundaries."


This is a broad charge for an ambitious and important undertaking. Thirty-two years ago, thousands of Oregonians helped shape the land use system we have today. The challenge for the task force will be to engage Oregonians again to help reshape and reinvent our land use system. To that end, we expect the task force to seek extensive citizen involvement, to utilize new technologies and tools to involve Oregonians in communities across the state, to harness the wealth of talent and experience available both within Oregon and beyond to research and evaluate our land use system, to ask hard questions and not to flinch from hard choices for the future.

In the end, the credibility of the outcome of your review will depend on the openness and independence with which you conduct your business. You will be supported in your efforts by staff from the Department of Land Conservation and Development who will be devoted exclusively to the task force. Representatives from the Department will contact you shortly to begin arranging the first meeting dates. At your first meeting you should adopt the rules by which you will conduct your business and elect a chair and vice-chair from among your membership. Within three months following your first meeting, we will expect a preliminary report on the task force's work plan, as required by Senate Bill 82.

The legislature has appropriated funds for the work of the task force. In addition, Senate Bill 82 authorizes the task force to seek additional grants and financial support to help ensure that it has the resources it needs to do its work. We encourage you to utilize all available and appropriate resources to ensure the success of the task force and we stand ready to assist as appropriate.

Thank you again for your commitment to public service. We are pleased and proud that you, and so many other public-spirited citizens, are helping to shape Oregon's future.

Sincerely,



THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI
Governor



PETER COURTNEY
Senate President



KAREN MINNIS
House Speaker