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Janine Benner, Director Oregon Department of Energy 550 Capitol Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear Director Benner and ODOE Staff,

Congratulations on the agency celebrating 50 years and helping to lead Oregon to a safe, equitable, clean energy future!

Climate action requires enormous effort and prioritization of resources while making sure that these resources are accessible to all communities across the state. We must be innovative, attracting new solutions and modern opportunities. ODOE plays a critical role in maintaining a resilient and affordable energy system, advancing solutions to shape an equitable clean energy transition while protecting the needs of our environment, public health, and future generations.

I want to thank all of you for the dedication you have shown to our state. I am grateful for the hard work you do every day and your unwavering commitment to public service. I promise that as you continue to show up to make the lives of Oregonians better, I am committed to showing up for each of you – to make your lives, and your neighbors' lives, easier.

There is more work to be done. Transitioning to a clean energy system that is both reliable and affordable requires collaboration and long-term work. It will take all of us to confront the climate crisis and build a brighter future. Onward, to the next 50 years!

Sincerely,

Governor Tina Kotek

