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Dear Mr. Drake, Mr. Kohnstamm, and Mr. Hanna,

I received your request that the **Mount Hood/Government Camp Summit Rest Area Redevelopment** project be designated 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 an Oregon Solutions project and appoint Congressman Earl Blumenauer and State Representative Anna Williams as co-conveners to lead a team of public, private, and civic partners toward innovative solutions to improve safety, infrastructure, and access to Mount Hood.

As outlined by Oregon Solutions, the public rest area at Government Camp is old and in poor condition, causes traffic challenges, and is in such high demand that it taxes the capacity of the adjoining Summit Ski Area parking lot, especially for truck traffic. I am also concerned that increased pass-through and visiting traffic to Mount Hood is creating safety issues and high greenhouse gas emission levels. Addressing these issues will benefit all those who work, visit, and travel over Mount Hood.

I am pleased that you are working collaboratively to bring together public, private, and civic partners to help plan for these needed improvements. Oregon Solutions can play a unique and important role by providing neutral facilitation process to help coordinate and implement a plan.

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My Metro (lead team on this effort) and North Central Regional Solutions Teams will engage in the Oregon Solutions process and help coordinate state agency roles and responsibilities on project implementation. I look forward to tracking this effort. Please keep my office updated and thank you for your attention and interest in this critically important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Brown". The signature is written in black ink and includes a horizontal flourish at the end.

Governor Kate Brown

cc: Karmen Fore, Oregon Solutions Director