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Dear Mr. Karier, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Reiten:

I am writing to support your leadership in forming the Northwest Energy Efficiency Task Force. It is imperative that the region collaborate on ways to tap more efficiency, to spur the introduction of new energy-efficient technologies, and to step up the pace of existing efficiency programs.

As you know, Oregon has had a longstanding commitment to making energy efficiency a significant part of our energy resource mix. For nearly three decades, the state, utilities, and local governments have offered a variety of conservation programs and we have invested hundreds of millions of dollars in energy conservation. We've also achieved a great deal of conservation through our building and appliance standards.

But with the full impacts of global warming looming, much more needs to be done. I am committed to developing a regional cap and trade program through the Western Climate Initiative, and the program, if implemented, will spur major new investments in energy efficiency. I also have formed a state Energy Efficiency Work Group to develop complementary energy efficiency proposals for the 2009 Legislative Session. I hope that your regional effort will help inform our state process.

I look forward to the results of the Task Force's work.

Sincerely,

THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI
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