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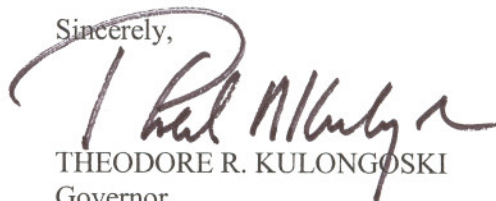
Dear Mayor Adams, Commissioner Fish, Ms. Santner, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Miller:

I have received your letter requesting the Portland Community Gardens mission be designated as an Oregon Solutions project. After reviewing your letter and the assessment conducted by Oregon Solutions staff, I feel this mission supports Oregon's Sustainable Community Objectives, encompassing environmental, economic, and community objectives. By this letter, I am designating this as an Oregon Solutions project and appointing Commissioner Nick Fish convener.

The Oregon Solutions approach will help bring together the potential partners in a neutral and collaborative way to address issues and opportunities. It is important, now more than ever, to strengthen our food security and increase local food production to help feed our communities. By integrating and leveraging investments, this project has the potential to strengthen the ties between the public, private and civic sectors on the ground.

I am pleased to see that you are taking a collaborative approach toward expanding community garden access and I look forward to hearing about your progress as an Oregon Solutions project team is assembled. Please keep me updated on this effort and thank you for your work and enthusiasm thus far.

Sincerely,



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