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Sen. Jackie Dingfelder, Chair
Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Rep. Vic Gilliam, Co-Chair
Rep. Jules Bailey, Co-Chair
House Committee on Energy, Environment and Water
Oregon State Capitol
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Dear Honorable Chair Dingfelder, Co-Chair Gilliam and Co-Chair Bailey,

I am writing to thank you for your support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 208, honoring Steven Apotheker.

I knew and worked with Steve for more than 15 years. Steve was deeply committed to sustainability, both environmental and social. He walked his talk, devoting his energies both at work and home to making the world a healthier, more just and equitable place. But Steve was more than just dedicated to a cause. He also believed in the power of analysis - and when the results of the analysis didn't support his preconceived outcomes, he followed the analysis and would change his opinion to match the facts. He was committed to a good cause, but never dogmatic.

Steve was a dedicated public servant and set a high bar and a positive example for his colleagues. He was a good listener, respectful of those who didn't share his views, and he worked as well with parties who didn't share his perspective as those who did.

In short, Steve was a highly principled individual who held intellectual honesty, integrity, and respect for others in the highest regard. He devoted his life to putting the welfare of others - and the environment - ahead of himself, and doing it in an honest, fair and humble way.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 208 is a fitting and appropriate way to honor Steve and the example he set for people here in Oregon and beyond.

Thank you,

David Allaway