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Oregon State Senate

900 Court St. NE, S-419

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Co-Chair Susan McLain

Oregon House of Representatives

900 Court St. NE, H-493

Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Senator Frederick and Representative McLain:

As Natural Resources Director for the Burns Paiute Tribe, I am writing to express my support for two important statewide, public service programs at Portland State University: 1) **Oregon Consensus**, a program of the state's dispute resolution services, and 2) **Oregon Solutions**, the state's program for collaborative implementation of community-based solutions. I have experienced first-hand the benefit these programs provide in helping to support community-based problem solving. I am thankful the legislature recognizes the significance of these programs and urge you to restore their funding to the full continuing level of service (CSL) as in the Governor's budget.

Oregon Solutions has provided assistance on a tribally-lead wildlife crossing project within the Malheur watershed along U.S. Highway 20. The investment and involvement from multiple parties is essential to developing and implementing a comprehensive connectivity enhancement plan. Originally, we had garnered robust engagement from entities in the public and civic sectors, with the help of Oregon Solutions we have begun to receive public input and reach landowners, land managers, ranchers, and community leaders who are critical to the planning process.

Oregon Solutions and Oregon Consensus programs provide very distinct and critical services to communities across the State in implementing sustainable solutions and cost-effective resolutions to contentious issues. I am thankful the legislature recognizes the significance of these programs, and hope they will continue to be supported.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Calla Hagle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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