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Governor Theodore Kulongoski
160 State Capitol
900 Court Street
Salem, Oregon 97301-4047

Dear Governor Kulongoski:

The City of Portland applauds your leadership on global warming, one of the most important issues we face today. For more than a decade Portland has worked to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The result is a 12 percent reduction in per capita emissions in Multnomah County. Total emissions are now only slightly above 1990 levels. And all of this has happened during a time of rapid economic growth and significant increases in population.

Many of the efforts that reduce greenhouse gas emissions have also proven to strengthen our economy and community. Improved efficiencies make our companies more competitive, and reduced fossil fuel use helps to reduce air and water pollution and improves human health.

I have appreciated the opportunity to participate in the Carbon Allocation Task Force, and I support the median proposal the Task Force has developed. The proposal is reasonable, equitable, and marks a meaningful step toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

I strongly believe that the Task Force proposal must move forward in the 2007 legislative session. Each and every day brings further scientific evidence that the impacts of global warming are accelerating, and the window of opportunity to avoid irreversible global impacts is closing quickly. Moreover, the sooner Oregon begins to reduce emissions, the more smoothly our local businesses, residents and communities will transition to an economy that is more stable and less dependent on fossil fuels. A renewable portfolio standard is an important complement to the Task Force's policy proposal, but an RPS cannot substitute for and must not delay the comprehensive and economically efficient approach to carbon reductions proposed by the Task Force.

As the world moves forward to address global warming, Oregon must be in a leadership position. We have an environmental legacy focused on solutions. We know that acting on global warming and reducing fossil fuel use will lead to cleaner, more efficient and more profitable communities throughout the State. I urge you to act on the Task Force's proposal as soon as is practical in the 2007 session.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Task Force.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Anderson".

Susan Anderson