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Governor

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To whom it may concern:

I am honored to support the Seneca Sustainable Energy project. This project represents an excellent example of how we can get people back to work in Oregon and continue to serve as a model for the entire country of how to grow a new economy where economic prosperity is tied directly to our commitment to a sustainable future.

In this last year, as Oregon faced high unemployment, budget deficits, and a devastating recession, our strategy has been to leverage the strengths we have as a state to put Oregonians back to work. In February 2009, as Congress and President Obama finalized the details of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("Recovery Act"), I signed an Executive Order announcing a strategy called "the Oregon Way," and committed the state to focusing on renewable energy, sustainable development, and clean technologies in its use of Recovery Act funds. As part of the Executive Order, I appointed and convened the Oregon Way Advisory Group, which is comprised of public and private sector leaders with expertise in sustainability. The Advisory Group's charge was to identify and promote signature projects that reflect Oregon's expertise in sustainable innovation and will best create sustainable quality jobs for Oregonians.

That process resulted in the review of hundreds of extraordinary proposals, submitted by state agencies, local governments, non-profits, private firms, and public/private partnerships. These proposals collectively reflected the entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to sustainability that has made Oregon an international leader in this space.

It is from this pool of extraordinary proposals that the Seneca Sustainable Energy project has been identified as one of our greatest opportunities to meet these goals. As you review projects and proposals for funding, I hope you will give the Seneca Sustainable Energy project serious consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI
Governor