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GOVERNOR

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Secretary Janet Napolitano  
Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Napolitano:

First let me congratulate you again for your appointment as the first woman to serve as Secretary of Homeland Security. This is an exciting time for our country and although Arizona will miss you, I am extremely pleased and know you will do an excellent job.

As you know, Oregon has its share of floods and 2008 was no exception. During the severe flooding in December of 2007, the Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad was devastated. During the presidentially declared disaster, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) began assisting us with this very complicated project.

After FEMA completed their work and went on to other disasters, this project remained a heavy burden for Oregon. Consequently, FEMA Region 10 provided two engineers and a geologist to assist us.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the continued support the State of Oregon has received from the following FEMA employees and contractors: Dave Anderson, Cecil Walker and Jason Holcomb. Their service to the state is to be commended.

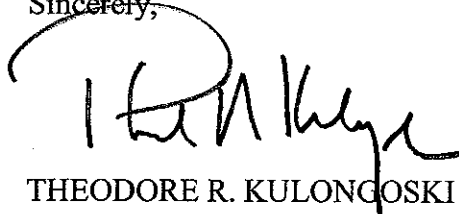
I am impressed by the months of untiring work that has been invested in this complicated project. The development of the project worksheet, with over 150 sites and cost estimates at around \$50 million, would have been extremely difficult to complete without their help.

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I value the relationship Oregon has with FEMA. Dave, Cecil and Jason have been a great team. They are now honorary Oregonians.

Again congratulations to you and many thanks to FEMA and the team for helping the people of Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Theodore R. Kulongoski', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI  
Governor

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