

February 1, 2021

Chair Rob Wagner
Vice Chair Fred Girod
Senate Committee on Rules
Oregon State Senate

CC: Senator Burdick, Senator Manning, Senator Thatcher, Leslie Porter,
Kristina Rice-Whitlow, Sophorn Cheang

Dear Chair Wagner, Vice Chair Girod and members of the Committee,

I, Yayoi Yamamoto, is the State of Oregon Asian Pacific Islander Leader; Committee leader of Business Oregon's Trade Mission to Japan with Governor Kate Brown; Co-Chair of Women in Leadership Program in Japan for Governor Kate Brown, Chair of International Committee of Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME); Committee leader of Women in Leadership of Japan-America Society of Oregon(JASO); Leader of US-Japan Council.

It is my honored to write you in support of Governor Brown's nomination of Sophorn Cheang, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Office of the Governor, to the position of the Director of Business Oregon.

Ms. Cheang has been a great leader in the Governor's office, and her nonstop progress works, knowledge and leadership has been well-known in our community, especially among women in leaderships and minority women workplaces of Oregon.

I have no doubt that her hard works and her knowledge of our community will bring Oregon's economic needs and international trade missions. Moreover, I believe her future works as a Director of Business Oregon will bring not only the economic impacts, but many great new venues for women in leadership as well. Under the pandemic, there are many young people, especially women, lost their hopes for their future carrier with many reasons. The position of the Director as a minority woman also will give positive vibration and show many hopes in women and many young people in workplace in Oregon for sure.

I hope the Committee will endorse and recommend Sophorn Cheang for the Director of Business Oregon for new era of Oregon.

Sincerely,
Yayoi Yamamoto
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