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Re: SB 286 Environmental Justice Task Force

On behalf of the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), I want to express my thanks to the Environmental Justice Task Force (EJTF) and the Governor's Natural Resources Office for fostering a place to identify, address and connect with others on environmental justice (EJ) issues that intersect with the ODA's activities.

The EJTF members are instrumental in making agencies aware of environmental justice issues and communities in Oregon and providing guidance on addressing and connecting with them. The ODA has utilized EJTF members' knowledge of local EJ groups and organizations to reach out to and encourage participation in the Department's activities. We have also implemented policies and procedures to increase the inclusion and engagement of EJ communities in our core work.

The ODA will continue to be a partner in advancing environmental justice work in Oregon and work around reaching those goals.

With great appreciation,

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