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March 31, 2023

Jennifer Granholm
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

RE: Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs, FOA Number: DE-FOA-0002779

Dear Secretary Granholm,

As Oregon's Governor, I write to express my strong support for the Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Association's application to the Department for the Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs opportunity. This transformational opportunity to accelerate development of the nation's clean energy economy is tailor-made for the Pacific Northwest, where a proud tradition of technological innovation and collaboration in taking on bold challenges is in our nature.

Oregon has long been at the forefront of clean and renewable energy and environmental policies and programs. Oregon established greenhouse gas reduction targets in 2007, and later under my leadership as then-Speaker of the House, a coal disinvestment policy with a 50 percent renewable portfolio standard and requirements for the state's electric utilities to achieve a 100 percent clean emissions standard by 2040. Additionally, in 2022, Oregon established the Environmental Justice Council to identify environmental justice communities and advise agencies on a wide range of natural resource work, including energy and environmental issues. Oregon's leadership and our energy and environmental policies are foundational to anticipated rapid adoption of renewable energy generation resources.

With federal support, the Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Hub will be able to build out a robust network of hydrogen suppliers and off-takers in both western and eastern parts of Washington and Oregon, as well as parts of Montana. Under this proposal, hydrogen will be produced by harnessing existing clean, renewable, and abundant hydropower, solar, and wind resources in our region. This proposal also demonstrates how clean hydrogen can support decarbonization efforts already being pursued in the transportation, industrial, and agriculture sectors, as well as the rapidly expanding zero-carbon aviation sector being pioneered in the Pacific Northwest.

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Investments in clean hydrogen deployment can, and must, help deliver on the promise of a just transition for energy communities, improve health and safety for frontline communities, and rectify environmental injustices. Oregon's Environmental Justice Council is leading development of an environmental justice mapping tool that will help address potential environmental justice impacts and support implementation of the Biden-Harris Administration's Justice 40 initiative.

Washington State's Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act, in the same vein as the White House Justice 40 Initiative, ensures that Washington State will incorporate environmental justice and community engagement in all we do. The Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Hub has incorporated the tenets of both programs and has already begun outreach with potentially impacted communities.

I ask that you give this proposal your strongest consideration. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Kotek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tina" and last name "Kotek" clearly distinguishable.

Governor Tina Kotek

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