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Governor

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I want to congratulate and thank you for your membership in the Oregon Health Network. By participating in OHN, you are joining a network of hospital systems, clinics and providers leading the path to a healthy, more prosperous future by establishing one of the nation's top telehealth networks. Your membership in OHN helps further the organization's mission – *all Oregonians should have access to the best possible healthcare regardless of location* – but the value of the network extends beyond that.

Your membership in OHN supports the Triple Aim – a revolutionary philosophy in the health care sector aimed at improving the health of the population, enhancing the patient experience of care (including quality, access and reliability) and reducing – or at least controlling – per capita costs. The Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority, as well as many of your fellow OHN participants and the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems, have implemented this new philosophy; it is the future of health care delivery in Oregon and across the country. The Triple Aim is at the very core of OHN, and you should be recognized for your support of this visionary endeavor.

In addition to building Oregon's first statewide telehealth network and supporting the "Triple Aim," the OHN infrastructure serves a number of Oregon Business Plan cluster priorities:

- Strengthening our state's university and community college educational systems
- Improving preprimary, primary and secondary education through new broadband networks that will server underserved communities
- Maintaining and upgrading our statewide telecommunications infrastructure
- Lowering health care costs by keeping patients in the communities in which they receive care
- Reducing broadband and operational costs to facilities and providers

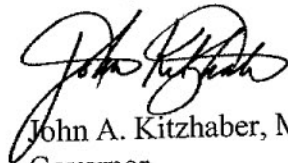
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The Oregon Health Network supports economic development and greater access to opportunity for Oregonians in every corner of our state. Strong health information technology is the number one incentive to attract higher-wage earning primary care physicians and allied health professionals to a community. The health information technology of today and that of the future cannot be fully utilized without the reliable, high-speed, high-quality broadband that OHN provides.

The network's positive impact on Oregon goes beyond medicine. The program has also brought \$20 million in FCC dollars to support broadband expansion to every district in Oregon. This critical modernization not only supports hospitals, but also schools and business across the state. OHN provides Oregonians the ability to work smarter – not harder – with better patient outcomes, while supporting core Oregon Business Plan goals and objectives.

Networks like OHN play a critical role in helping to transform health care and economic development across our nation, and I thank you again for your support in helping lead this exciting new program.

Sincerely,



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