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Dear Co-Chairs:

We are pleased to share with you and members of the Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) the draft Cleaner Air Oregon (CAO) framework. The draft framework addresses a set of 25 policy areas that will guide the development of the Cleaner Air Oregon industrial air toxics regulations. This draft framework was directly informed by input from the RAC.

It also was informed by views we heard from hundreds of Oregonians, who expressed what they value most: healthy families and communities, clean air and environmental quality and a thriving economy that sustains good jobs throughout the state.

We believe this draft framework will help focus public engagement on the key questions that must be answered as we carry out the Governor's charge to reform Oregon's industrial air toxics rules to better protect human health.

The policy decisions in this draft framework provide a blueprint for: 1) defining the scope of regulated air toxics, industries and facilities addressed under the rules; 2) regulating toxic air emissions from industrial facilities; 3) reducing risks to nearby neighborhoods; and 4) implementing the program.

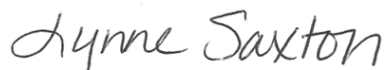
The draft framework is the next step toward writing draft regulations. We look forward to submitting the draft regulations for public comment later this year.

The RAC's input on these concepts and questions is a critical step in developing this proposed program. In particular, at the RAC meetings, we are keenly interested in input on:


- Allowable risk levels for facilities.
- Range of allowable cumulative risk within areas of operation for multiple industrial facilities.
- Implementation considerations.

We are grateful for the significant expertise and time you and the RAC have contributed to the Cleaner Air Oregon regulatory reform. We appreciate the RAC's ongoing input into the CAO rulemaking process. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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