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Greg Zoglio
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Dear Greg:

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners is pleased to provide this letter in support of Columbia River Nitrogen for the Fertilizer Investment and Expansion for Long-term Domestic Supply grant through the United States Department of Agriculture.

As an organization dedicated to promoting economic vitality in our region, we recognize the importance of investing in industrial facilities that strengthen domestic manufacturing, create family-wage employment opportunities, and reinforce the region's role as a vital transportation and agricultural corridor. Your proposed project represents an important investment in the long-term competitiveness of both Oregon's manufacturing economy and the nation's agricultural supply chain.

The Columbia River has long served as one of the nation's most significant trade corridors, connecting manufacturers, agricultural producers, ports, railroads, and river transportation networks that move products throughout the Pacific Northwest and to global markets. Investments that modernize fertilizer production facilities along this corridor help preserve critical industrial capacity while supporting efficient distribution of essential agricultural inputs to farmers across Oregon, Washington, and the western United States.

Your proposed investment to streamline and modernize fertilizer manufacturing operations aligns closely with the objectives of this grant program by expanding domestic production capacity, improving operational efficiency, and strengthening supply chain resilience. As agricultural producers continue to experience price volatility and uncertainty in global fertilizer markets, increasing reliable domestic production is essential to ensuring a stable supply of fertilizer while reducing dependence on imported products.

We are particularly encouraged that this project will expand domestic fertilizer manufacturing capacity in the Pacific Northwest, a region with limited existing fertilizer production despite serving some of the nation's most productive agricultural areas. By increasing regional manufacturing capacity, the project will improve supply chain resilience, reduce transportation and distribution

challenges, strengthen domestic production of critical agricultural inputs, and create lasting economic benefits for communities throughout the Columbia River region.

We strongly support your application and believe this project represents an important investment in the economic future of the Columbia River region, the State of Oregon, and the nation's domestic manufacturing base. We appreciate your commitment to strengthening American fertilizer production while creating lasting economic opportunities for local communities and enhancing the resilience of the U.S. agricultural economy.

Sincerely,

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Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

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Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

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