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Dear OSU Statewides Coalition Partners,

We extend our sincerest thanks for your strong partnership and advocacy throughout Oregon's 2026 legislative session. Your commitment to Oregon's communities, natural resources and economic vitality was instrumental in shaping a positive outcome for the OSU Statewide Public Service Programs: Agricultural Experiment Station, Extension Service, and Forest Research Laboratory.

Because of your unified voice, **the Legislature protected funding for the OSU Statewides, the Public University Support Fund and State Programs.** We are deeply grateful for the organizations — and the many members and community partners behind them — who not only signed onto the coalition letter but also amplified the message through individual legislator meetings, written and oral testimony and other direct engagement. Your efforts ensured that lawmakers heard clearly and consistently that the OSU Statewides are an essential part of Oregon's economic and educational ecosystems, and vital to the success of Oregon's agriculture, natural resources, youth and families.

While we are encouraged by these positive outcomes, we also share your disappointment that Outdoor School, which is administered through OSU Extension and funded by state lottery dollars, did not receive restored funding this session. Outdoor School remains a voter-supported, transformative learning experience for Oregon youth, and we remain committed to working alongside the Outdoor School community and our legislative partners to ensure we can continue delivering this invaluable program statewide.

Thank you again for your advocacy, partnership and trust. Your efforts laid the groundwork for the January 2027 legislative session, and we look forward to collaborating with you to keep the OSU Statewides' impact top of mind for decision-makers.

Together, we are making a real and measurable difference, not only for the OSU Statewides, but for the communities we all serve.

With deep appreciation,

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