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Diane Rosenbaum, Chair
Senate Rules & Executive Appointments
900 Court St, NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senator Rosenbaum,

The Portland Business Alliance would like to express its support for the appointment of Mr. Pat Egan as Chair of the Oregon Transportation Commission. We have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Egan in his previous positions in both the public and private sector and can think of no one better suited to fill this important position.

The Alliance believes that investment in the state's transportation infrastructure, particularly freight facilities, is a critical element of our short and long term economic development strategy. Mr. Egan's past experience at the Port of Portland and Pacific Power, where infrastructure development and integration are critical, provide a great foundation for representing the needs of the freight transportation system. His experience as Chief of Staff to Governor Kulongoski and his work on previous transportation legislative packages give him a unique perspective on the political dynamics of transportation funding and policy development. Together, with his collaborative and inclusive operating style, these experiences and background mean Mr. Egan will bring a dynamic and skilled leader style to the Commission.

The Alliance wholeheartedly supports Mr. Egan's confirmation as Chair of the Oregon Transportation Commission.

Sincerely,

Sandra McDonough
President & CEO