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Dear Water and Wastewater Providers:

Your work is essential to all Oregonians. Thank you for your commitment to providing uninterrupted essential services.

I am concerned that your facilities face an increasing and potentially catastrophic risk from cyberattack. I believe Oregon must take a collaborative approach to managing cyber risk, partnering with water systems experts and cybersecurity professionals. Our collective efforts are crucial in safeguarding our state's health, safety, economy, and security – all of which rely on water.

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) collaborates with our state cyber team to increase cyber threat awareness and conduct cyber assessments in Oregon. I strongly encourage you to participate in these assessments and cybersecurity awareness webinars, which will provide critical insight into cybersecurity gaps and identify opportunities to build additional resilience.

CISA and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have also developed Water and Wastewater Sector Cybersecurity resources to help elevate your cybersecurity posture. Furthermore, Oregon EIS Cyber Security Services (CSS) along with Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) have secured a cybersecurity grant program for local governments to get some funding for critical cybersecurity gaps. I strongly encourage you to use these resources to enhance your resilience in the evolving landscape of cybersecurity threats.

Available Resources:

1. **Community Defense Model:** Inclusive guide from the Center for Internet Security (CIS) to help design, prioritize, implement, and improve an organization's cybersecurity program. [CIS Community Defense Model 2.0 \(cisecurity.org\)](https://www.cisecurity.org/cis-community-defense-model-2.0)
2. **Vulnerability Scanning:** Free cyber vulnerability scanning provided by CISA to water utilities. The fact sheet included explains the process and benefits of signing up. [CISA's Free Cyber Vulnerability Scanning for Water Utilities | CISA](#)
3. **Cyber Assessment:** Multiple resources and an Oregon cyber assessment form can be found on the CSS site [Cyber Security Services : Cyber for Water & Critical Infrastructure Partners](#).
4. **Technical Assistance:** Both CISA and EPA provide sites with multiple resources.
 1. **CISA:** [Water and Wastewater Cybersecurity | CISA](#)
 2. **EPA:** [EPA Cybersecurity for the Water Sector | US EPA](#)

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I hope you will take advantage of these services and collaborate with CISA and our state cyber teams to conduct an assessment. This will help us build a comprehensive cybersecurity picture for Oregon and create collaborative action plans.

Thank you for your commitment to providing essential services to the people of Oregon. Together, we can ensure the safety and security of our critical infrastructure for future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Kotek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a stylized "K".

Governor Tina Kotek