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Attorney General-elect Dan Rayfield Establishes Federal Oversight and Accountability Cabinet

(Corvallis, Ore.) - Attorney General-elect Dan Rayfield announced today the establishment of the Federal Oversight and Accountability Cabinet. The cabinet is designed to support the Attorney General-elect and his team's work to defend and advance Oregon's values and the rule of law.

The Federal Oversight and Accountability Cabinet will bring together legal, policy and community leaders to establish an innovative partnership between the Oregon Department of Justice and key communities in Oregon's work to defend against potential federal impacts on the state and its people.

"In an era of uncertainty, we must be proactive in our outreach efforts and work to protect the interests and values of Oregonians," said Attorney General-elect Rayfield. "The leaders serving on the Federal Oversight and Accountability Cabinet create a critical nexus between what is happening on the ground in communities throughout our state and the work we are able to do at the Oregon Department of Justice to defend all Oregonians."

Attorney General-elect Rayfield will chair the cabinet and has appointed the following members:

Chair: Attorney General-elect Dan Rayfield

- Joe Baessler, Executive Director, Oregon AFSCME
- Sandy Chung, Executive Director, ACLU of Oregon
- Prof. Greg Dotson, University of Oregon School of Law

- Julie Hanna, Associate Vice President of Government Affairs, OHSU
- Dr. Sara Kennedy, CEO, Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette
- Kyndall Mason, Executive Director, Basic Rights Oregon
- Isa Peña, Director of Strategy, Innovation Law Lab
- Jeremiah Rigsby, Chief of Staff, CareOregon
- Lindsey Scholten, Executive Director, Oregon League of Conservation Voters
- Graham Trainor, President, Oregon AFL-CIO
- Melissa Unger, Executive Director, SEIU 503
- Prof. Norman Williams, Willamette University College of Law

“We stand ready to defend the rights and values of the people of Oregon,” said Sandy Chung, executive director of ACLU of Oregon. “We appreciate Attorney General-elect Rayfield’s partnership in these efforts, as well as his recognition that we are stronger together.”

Attorney General-elect Rayfield has appointed Dustin Buehler to a Special Counsel position in the executive office to direct the department’s federal accountability work. Fay Stetz-Waters will continue to serve as the Director of Civil Rights and Social Justice under Attorney General-elect Rayfield and will co-lead the work of the Federal Oversight and Accountability Cabinet with Buehler.

About Dustin Buehler

Dustin Buehler currently serves as attorney-in-charge of civil appeals at the Oregon Department of Justice, where he represents the state in litigation before state and federal courts. He also teaches administrative law at University of Oregon School of Law and civil procedure at Willamette University College of Law. Buehler previously served as general counsel for Oregon Governor Kate Brown and as a commercial litigator at Davis Wright Tremaine in Seattle. He received his bachelor’s degree from Willamette University, law degree from the University of Washington and served as a law clerk for Judge Alfred T. Goodwin on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

About Fay Stetz-Waters

Fay Stetz-Waters has served in her current role since 2019, working to increase the Department’s impact on civil rights issues affecting marginalized and vulnerable Oregonians, and engage and educate through outreach efforts. Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Stetz-Waters worked as a poverty law attorney, an administrative law judge, and a circuit court judge. She has a bachelor’s degree from Trinity College and a law degree from Lewis and Clark.

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