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Greetings and thank you for attending this year's Oregon Mass Timber Development Summit. Today's assembly is an impressive convergence of dedicated public and private sector leaders who are committed to securing Oregon's competitive advantage in the quickly emerging U.S. market for mass timber products.

Today you'll gain more insights from specialists in various areas that support the industry, including Oregon's home-grown companies, DR Johnson and Freres Lumber. They are at the nation's manufacturing forefront as certified producers of cross laminated timber (CLT) and mass plywood panels (MPP).

The panelists and topics today were assembled especially for you. Your backgrounds and talents are diverse. From business enterprises including the architects, engineers, builders, suppliers, and wood product manufacturers; to elected officials, policymakers, researchers, educators, environmentalists, forest managers, workforce advisors, and economic developers. You are all here because you have something very valuable in common.

It takes highly motivated people to take on informed, deeper discussions about Oregon's opportunity in the mass timber supply chain. I praise your willingness to share your knowledge and examine strategies to collectively support the next steps needed to expand the mass timber market and help create more wood products jobs in Oregon's rural communities.

I too have continued to advance the commitment I made along with many of you more than four years ago to invest in the future of our natural resource-based economy. That includes funding to bring expertise and experience on mass timber to the forefront through this event and previous summits, supporting the new Tallwood Design Institute collaboration between Oregon State University and University of Oregon, directly supporting manufacturers, and supporting studies to better lay out the opportunity before us.

It is indeed a great opportunity we have here. An economic development opportunity, an opportunity to advance our wood products industry, an opportunity to build better, and it's an opportunity to bridge our rural and urban communities. Oregon is ready for this.

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