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Ms. Kate Gordon, Director Governor's Office of Planning and Research State of California 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Gordon:

On December 30, 2019, you informed me that Governor Newsom had determined that the California Northstate University project in the City of Elk Grove is eligible for streamlined judicial review as initially established under Chapter 354 of 2011 (AB 900, Buchanan).

Assembly Bill 900 provides a streamlined California Environmental Quality Act review process for construction projects that qualify as environmental leadership development projects (ELDPs). Among other requirements, ELDPs must make substantial financial investments within our state; create new high wage and highly skilled jobs; and not result in any net additional greenhouse gas emissions, as determined by the California Air Resources Board.

Based on the information you have provided, and a subsequent review by the Legislative Analyst's Office, I concur with the Governor's determination that the project meets the AB 900 criteria set forth in Public Resources Code section 21178 et seq.

Sincerely,

Holly J. Mitchell

Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee Ms. Keely Martin Bosler, Director of Finance