Dear Code Oregon Participants,

As of February 29, 2016, Code Oregon 1.0 is officially complete. Through generous funding from local grants, we passed our initial goal of helping 10,000 Oregonians access free online coding training: over 16,000 have accessed this service since 2014! On top of that, over 150,000 badges have been earned and hundreds of coding language tracks have been completed by participants. We salute all of you – those who persevered to complete badges and tracks, as well as those who tried the training and learned it wasn't right for you.

But changes in the types and requirements of resources available to support Code Oregon 1.0 necessitate changes to the program. At the outset of Code Oregon 1.0, it was our goal to offer 12 months of training to anyone interested. For the roughly 11,000 of you who initially enrolled in the program in 2014 or early 2015, we've been able to meet this goal, and we look forward to potentially offering you more services in Code Oregon 2.0 when it launches. For the 5,000 of you who have enrolled within the last 12 months, we've been doing everything we can to extend this service. Unfortunately, changes at Treehouse and changes in available funding are going to result in paused service for most of this group until 2.0 launches. We have, however, been able to work out an arrangement with Treehouse to extend 1.0 access to a small portion of that 5,000 who have been most active in the Treehouse platform – *those with activity after January 1st, 2016*. This smaller group will be emailed instructions about how to access Treehouse for an additional, limited time. If you do not receive this email and your 1.0 service is ending, please be patient while we design and find funding for Code Oregon 2.0.

Many of you have expressed concern that an end to Code Oregon 1.0 will result in lost work. Please know that your account with Treehouse is YOUR account. You may continue with Treehouse through your own monthly subscription and pick up right where you left off, or you can wait to see what Code Oregon 2.0 has to offer – we are confident that access to Treehouse will be a part of that program. Again - if you have a "pause" in your account with Treehouse (whether that is five days, one month or one year), we have been assured by Treehouse staff that you can *turn your account back on* (without losing any of your completion data) at any time, and you can do this through your own subscription or potentially through Code Oregon 2.0 funding when it becomes available.

If you want to continue your coding training in the meantime but don't feel you can pay the Treehouse subscription fee, there are some free, quality resources now linked from the CodeOregon.org webpage. We encourage you to try these out.

We've been overwhelmed by the response from Code Oregon participants as you've heard about the impending changes – the degree to which you found Code Oregon personally impactful has showed us that we're on the right track by funding this type of service, which is why we're feverishly designing services for Code Oregon 2.0. And we want to get your input. In the next few weeks, and certainly by mid-March, we will have a survey posted to get your feedback about the types of services you'd like to see available through Code Oregon 2.0. Online training is very helpful, but we've heard loud and clear that people are craving more support – particularly in the area of employer and job connections. We want to hear your thoughts, so when you see the survey form posted please take a few minutes to fill it out. We are also very interested in your success stories. These have been pouring in via email since the changes were announced. These attestations about the impact of this service will go a long way to helping us attain additional funding – so we'll develop a way for you to share these formally as well through the survey.

Expect a Code Oregon 2.0 launch by May 2016 at the latest.

Thanks,

The Code Oregon Team