## **OREGON STATE FAIR & EXPO CENTER**

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## Salem, OR 97301

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Oregon State Fair & Expo Center has collaborated and partnered with the Oregon Department of Justice Criminal Division in the interest of public Safety for Oregon's citizens. I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the support and intelligence assistance we have received from the Oregon Titan Fusion Center.

The 2016 Oregon State Fair is an (11) festive event with an attendance of over 300,000 Oregonians coming from across the state. And as such we have a responsibility to plan and prepare for the safety of the public attending our event.

In today's political environment, the potential for domestic and international threats is a critical and real concern. The intelligence support we receive from the Titan Fusion Center on terrorist or criminal information with current Threat Assessment is vital. Our public safety planning is also coordinated with the Oregon State Police.

With the uncertainty of threats the Oregon Titan Fusion Center serves an essential role in our communities throughout the State of Oregon.

I write to you in support of continued funding of DOJ and the Titan Fusion Center.

Respectfully,

Raul Ramirez, (Retired Sheriff) Public Safety Director Oregon State Fair 2330 17<sup>th</sup> St. N.E. Salem, OR 97301