



April 4, 2017

To the Honorable Members of the Joint Public Safety Committee,

Please accept this letter as my full endorsement of the Oregon TITAN Fusion Center and the invaluable, irreplaceable work that it does on behalf of public safety agencies across the state.

The Fusion Center has proven to be a great ally in my agency's work. The loss of this partnership would greatly diminish inter-agency collaboration and the sharing of intelligence around the state and beyond.

The Ashland Police Department has reached out to the Fusion Center on several occasions to disseminate or request intelligence. The most recent incident occurred in February of this year and involved a hate speech incident here in Ashland that needed to be shared with other public safety agencies around the state.

I would ask that you continue to support the Fusion Center and the important work that it does every day to ensure the safety of all members of the community, both in Oregon and beyond.

Please feel to contact me if I can be of any further assistance on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tighe O'Meara".

Tighe O'Meara

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