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Members of the Joint Public Safety Committee,

I am writing this letter to offer my full support and endorsement of the TITAN Fusion Center as an indispensable tool to all public safety agencies throughout our fine state and beyond.

As you know, the Fusion Center was created to share information between federal, state and local levels of government and with appropriate stakeholders from the public and private sectors. The ability for the Fusion Center to cultivate raw data contributed from these myriad sources and develop meaningful intelligence to enhance the safety of the public is irreplaceable. The tasks the Fusion Center performs can easily become too burdensome for even large, well-staffed agencies to accomplish. The overarching framework of coordination and communication the Fusion Center offers enhances situational awareness through collaborative efforts which would not exist in its absence..

It is no secret that public safety is facing a multitude of challenges as we progress into the 21st century and the information age. Public safety agencies have had to adjust to managing large scale, high visibility events and increasing sophisticated and complex investigations. Whether a large public event, spontaneous riot or complex criminal case, the event can tax an agency beyond the scope of their staff. The resources and experience needed to cull through data and produce meaningful intelligence to develop appropriate actions plans is too large a challenge for many agencies. Without the Fusion Center meeting this capabilities gap, public safety would be unduly handicapped in some of its most critical times.

I have reached out to the Fusion Center for help several times. Whether developing a threat assessment for the World Indoor Track and Field Championships or tracking criminal groups operating in multiple jurisdictions, they have always produced a timely and beneficial product.

I would ask that you continue to support the Fusion Center and the invaluable work it does daily to help safeguard the safety of all people, here in Oregon and beyond. Please contact if I can be of any further assistance to you on this important matter.

Respectfully,

Lieutenant Ryan Lee
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