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To: Members of the Joint Public Safety Committee,

The Oregon Titan Fusion Center plays a significant role in helping all of Oregon's law enforcement achieve their mission on a daily basis. The Fusion Center is a conduit of information, which provides Oregon's law enforcement with real time information that could have a major impact in their respective communities. They also act as a hub of information that agencies can utilize to get their information out to neighboring jurisdictions, the entire state or if warranted, other Fusion Centers across the United States. If the Fusion Center was not able to be this important conduit of information, our law enforcement officers and communities that we serve could be put at risk because vital information is not being shared as it is today.

I would ask that you continue supporting the Oregon TITAN Fusion Center. The service they provide is invaluable and we owe it to our communities to invest in data sharing between law enforcement agencies. Sharing of information makes every community safer and more secure. I support the Fusion Center because they support local law enforcement on a daily basis. Whether it is collecting, analyzing or sharing sensitive criminal intelligence information amongst Oregon law enforcement or between Fusion Centers in other states, the ability to push information out to all corners of the state from a single entity is remarkable and incredibly efficient.

No other agency in Oregon has the network or ability to share sensitive information that could prove vital to the safety of Oregon's law enforcement professionals and ultimately to the citizens that we all serve. I would humbly ask that you continue to support the Oregon TITAN Fusion Center and its mission to protect the citizens of Oregon.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Garton".

Sheriff Mark Garton
Polk County Sheriff's Office