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Dear Public Safety Subcommittee Members,

On behalf of Director Peters, I wanted to thank you for taking the time to tour the Oregon State Penitentiary yesterday to get a look inside the Department of Corrections. I hope you found the tour informative and interesting. While you received a lot of information about the Penitentiary, I wanted to make sure you also had some information about our Transport Unit, who was responsible for our transportation yesterday.

Our Transport Unit is an integral part of our prison operations. As you may recall from Mr. Gower's portion of our budget presentation, we transport adults in custody for a variety of reasons, including medical appointments, court appointments, housing and security management, programming needs, interstate compact transfers, and coordination of new intakes from county facilities.

In 2015-16, the Transport Unit:

- Completed 36,127 inmate transfers
- Completed 13,180 medical trips
- Traveled 1.3 million miles
- As part of the extradition and compact process, flew over 30 times for a total of 480,000 miles (via commercial airlines) with inmates in transit without incident

The Transport Unit does all of this with safety and security being of paramount importance. We are fortunate that, over the last two years, there have been no staff injuries, no inmate injuries, and no escapes during transport. In addition, our Transport Officers are appointed as Special State Police Officers by the Superintendent of State Police to carry out transport functions and duties.

Thanks, again, for being part of the tour yesterday. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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