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Oregon State Legislature
Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety
Co-Chair Senator Chris Gorsek
Co-Chair Representative Janeen Sollman

Dear Co-Chairs Gorsek and Sollman, and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety:

I am writing to urge your support for funding the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ), Watch Center, and the analytical services unit. The Oregon DOJ Watch Center and its analytical service provide vital assistance to law enforcement agencies that lack these resources, especially small and medium sized agencies. The Western States Information Network (WSIN) assists law enforcement in the five Western states as part of the national Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS). We rely upon our partnership with Oregon DOJ to help agencies promote public safety. The Oregon DOJ Watch Center and its analytical services are not duplicative or redundant resources, and absent these important services, the public will be at greater risk.

Thank you for your continued commitment to public safety and for your consideration of adequately funding the Oregon DOJ Watch Center and its analytical services.

Sincerely,

KENT A. SHAW, Executive Director
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