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Date: Feb 13 2019

Speaker: Philip J Wolfe Hi mayor and commissioners again...

I will be quick I promise...

When I was at protest for occupy ice PDX

ICE officers pointed rifles at me with sniper red lights on my chest

I wasn't prepared to die. Lucky im still here

From that traumatic experience, because ICE sleeps with JTTF, im not askin but I m demanding you to let them go in order to end violience starting with JTTF

Mayor Wheeler To Portland City Council,

37415 February 13, 2019

I am letting you know again of my opposition to our city's participation with the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

First of all, there is a lack of transparency. Although 2 of our Portland police officers are assigned to work with the ITTF, the mayor (you) and police chief are not even informed about what the JTTF is doing! This secrecy is unacceptable.

How can our progressive city collaborate with ICE, given the immoral and cruel things they do?

The JTTF creates an unwelcoming community here; JTTF targets people by how they look, what they wear, and what language they speak. When there is profiling, there is an atmosphere of fear and people fearing profiling do not report actual criminal activity that they witness.

If there is really a threat, our local agencies can deal with it. I don't believe that the Joint Terrorism Task Force is making anyone feel safe or in fact is making us any safer than we would be without them.

Participating in this Task Force reminds me too much of what happened in 1941: the FBI had already profiled the Japanese community and then it was easy to round people up and incarcerate them, based on irrational fear of their ethnicity, and not on any crime being committed.

Please remove our city from the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Sincerely.

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Sally Joughin 2715 SE 34th Ave, Portland 97202 203-215-7037

Maxine Fookson, RN, MN Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility Testimony to End Contract with JTTF

Thank you, Mayor Wheeler and City Council Members. My name is Maxine Fookson. I speak as a Nurse Practitioner representing Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility. Our organization urges you to withdraw from the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

OR PSR, is an organization of health professionals and public health advocates concerned about threats to human health from war and social inequities. From our perspective, our city's involvement in the JTTF is of grave concern, as we see no evidence that the collaboration protects **either** the community's safety *or* health.

The American Public Health Association issued a statement last year declaring that police violence is a public health issue that disproportionately impacts communities of color, people with disabilities or mental illness, people living in poverty, people experiencing homelessness, immigrant populations, and LBGTQ communities. In short, how we police communities has a direct impact on the public's health.

Considering both effectiveness *AND* equity, we dig ourselves deeper under in the relationship with the JTTF. There is repeated evidence that the FBI and ICE disproportionately target communities based on national origin, race, religion, political beliefs, and sexual and gender preference.

What does it mean to be in partnership with agencies that repeatedly act in secrecy and with disregard for human rights?

The health connections are real and direct—this is not some distant correlation. *The Century Foundation* found direct negative health impacts as a result of fear coming from surveillance, targeting, profiling, and lack of transparency from public agencies. The heaviest impact is on communities already at a health disadvantage as a result of poverty, race, and immigration status. ¹

Fear has a correlation with stress and is a potent source of trauma--which in turn causes or exacerbates a variety of serious chronic health and mental health problems. It is known that when communities live in fear or distrust, they also under-access needed health, education and social services. This does not make us safer or better off.

As advocates for community health *and* safety, Oregon PSR believes that policing should be based on transparency, fairness, community involvement, cultural competency, and restorative practices. In order to achieve this, Portland must end its participation with the JTTF.

¹ Gellman, B & Adler-Bell, S., *The Disparate Impact of Surveillance*, The Century Foundation, 12/2017. <u>https://tcf.org/content/report/disparate-impact-surveillance/?session=1</u>

Submitted by Editions1. Sing as we march to the front/microphone "We are a gaggle of grannies" tune: Side by sideZ/13/19Oh, we are a gaggle of grannies, Urging you off of your fannies,37415We're telling you now We're insistent and how! Leave JTTF!

2. Sing to the tune of Twinkle, twinkle, Litle Star or the ABC song



Each line has 6 quarter notes/beats ending with a half note or holding the last syllable twice as long.

A-B-C-D-E-F-G. What can J-T-T-F be? Joint Ter-ror-is-m Task Force Closes our minds, hearts, and doors. Won't keep us safe, does no good, Scaring all our neighborhood.

It doesn't stop child abuse, Or pain and not drug abuse. Doesn't house our houseless friends Helping hands it never lends. Withdraw from J-T-T-F. Help instead our blind and deaf.

Hold our cops accountable. Serve all people disabled. Make more parks available Our government accessible. In J-T-T-F from lies. Don't pay them to ter-ror-ize

Free MoMo, apologize, for entrapment selling lies. It doesn't cure racist cops, Anti-Muslim traffic stops, or heal homophobic cops, Tri-Met attacks between stops

Worse hate crimes have increased. Cops-hurt protesters increased. Terrorized by rents increased. Pollution ill-ness increased. Big bad business and the rich off-shore jobs, our contracts ditch.

Make us all sick, scared, and poor, Bring fiery bombs to our door. What we're scared of hasn't stopped Funds for good have all been lopped, Withdraw from J-T-T-F. Stop us all from being F'd.

Didn't improve students' lives. Worse mass shootings on the rise. Didn't help environment Targets dis-in-vestment. Didn't stop all oi-il wars. Fund gardens, wind and solar

Nor fund Medicare for all, Nor equal rights for us all. Won't keep us safe, does no good Scaring all our neighborhood. It doesn't honor human rights, Or end our family fights.

Joint-Ter rorism Task Force Got us all waaay off course Now our song is at the end. J-T-T-F must now end ! J-T-T-F must now end ! J-T-T-F must now end !

END COOPERATION WITH THE FBI'S TERRORISM TASK FORCE

We, the undersigned, call on Portland City Council to withdraw the two Portland Police Officers from the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) and cancel the Memorandum of Agreement with the FBI.

--Portland was not part of the Task Force from 2005-2011 based on the inability of the Police Chief and Police Commissioner to have the same "Top Secret" clearance as the officers they oversee. That issue has not changed.

--After Portland re-joined the JTTF fully in 2015, the public stopped receiving annual reports, so there has been no indication whether PPB officers have reported violations of provisions of ORS 181A.250 prohibiting law enforcement from collecting or maintaining information on people's "political, religious or social" affiliations without reasonable suspicion of criminal conduct.

--President Trump has made it clear he plans to target people based on their religion (Muslims), national origin (immigrants), and political beliefs (protestors), not to mention the media and others. Any JTTF activity along these lines would violate not only ORS 181A.250 but would also be in apparent violation of HB 2002's restrictions against profiling-- police targeting people solely based on race, national origin or a host of other characteristics.*

--Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is a member of the JTTF, meaning Portland's pledge to be a Sanctuary City is threatened by PPB officers participating in the Task Force.

--San Francisco pulled out of its Joint Terrorism Task Force on February 1, 2017 acknowledging that working with the FBI in its current form would lead to violations of state and local laws and policies.

As was the case from 2005-2015 when Portland formally re-joined, this would not restrict Portland Police from working on legitimate law enforcement investigations when actual criminal activity is suspected and detected on a case-by-case basis.

The time is ripe for Portland to be part of a national movement to protect residents and citizens from further potential civil liberties abuses.

Signed

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| Peace and Justice Works/Portland Copwatch |
| Brandon Mayfield |
| League of Women Voters of Portland |
| Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility |
| Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO) |
| Iraq Veterans Against the War |
| Veterans For Peace Chapter 72 |
| Council on American-Islamic Relations of Oregon |

Islamic Society of Greater Portland Jewish Voice for Peace-Portland Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition Freedom to Thrive (formerly Enlace) Portland Portland National Lawyers Guild Portland Jobs with Justice Sisters Of The Road Oregon Progressive Party International Socialist Organization (Portland) Individuals for Justice Network Against Racism and Islamophobia 350 PDX

(See page 2 for additional signers and endorsers)

For more information or to add your organization's signature to this letter contact Porland Copwatch at 503-236-3065 or <<u>copwatch@portlandcopwatch.org</u>>.

*-HB 2002 (2015), now ORS 131.920

Originally sent November 8, 2017. Last updated February 13, 2019

Additional signers after November 8, 2017 include:

Basic Rights Oregon Portland Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines Empower Portland Ad Hoc Committee Portland Democratic Socialists of America NAACP Portland Branch Peace Action Group of First Unitarian Church Chinese American Citizens Alliance Portland Chapter Portland's Resistance Ainsworth United Church of Christ Americans United for Palestinian Human Rights (AUPHR) Northwest Abortion Access Fund Pacific Green Party Portland Interfaith Clergy Resistance Occupy ICE PDX Oregon Justice Resource Center (OJRC) Queer Liberation Front Portland Peaceful Response Coalition Eastside Democratic Club Code Pink Portland Portland Association of Teachers Portland-Metro People's Coalition (PMPC) First Unitarian Portland People Organizing for Philippine Solidarity (pops)

Endorsers include: Defending Rights & Dissent Washington DC (on behalf of their members in Portland) Duell Wealth Preservation Kafoury & McDougal

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Alphabetical list of signers: Community letter to end cooperation with FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force

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PEACE AND JUSTICE WORKS/PORTLAND COPWATCH TESTIMONY ON THE JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE February 13, 2019

Mayor Wheeler and members of City Council.

My name is Dan Handelman representing Peace and Justice Works and our project group Portland Copwatch.

We observed the Tuesday Work Session, read Commissioner Fish's op-ed and looked at the counterlegislation being proposed for today's hearing on withdrawing Portland officers from the Joint Terrorism Task Force. Our group still believes the best course of action is to stay out of the JTTF. Other Task Forces involving Portland Police do not have the same documented history involving the FBI inappropriately focusing on people of color, immigrants and others in violation of Oregon's anti-spying statute.

The proposed amendments to the current agreement with the FBI do not fix the problem of deputizing PPB officers— which is not needed for investigations including the Molotov cocktail threat against Mayor Wheeler.

Agreeing to wall off the PPB from immigration issues will not guarantee compliance with Oregon's sanctuary law. The FBI runs the Task Force, Portland cannot over-ride their actions. FBI Special Agent in Charge Cannon has stated repeatedly, including in his Oregonian op-ed, that he "can't guarantee the Task Force won't utilize immigration charges," saying such actions are used "when there are no other options to disrupt crime or violence." If Portland officers participate in an investigation on the front end and the FBI turns the alleged suspect over to another agency for deportation for lack of prosecutable criminal activity, the PPB has participated in the immigration aspect of the JTTF. The end result is the same as if the PPB participated in the immigration.

Requiring the Chief to seek "Secret" security clearance doesn't change anything. City policy already asks the Chief to get "Top Secret" clearance. The issue is that the Bureau's civilian Commissioner does not have access to the same information. This is why Mayor Potter, a former police chief, withdrew from the JTTF. The FBI claims that Mayor Wheeler's one-day non-disclosure agreements are functionally the same as his having "Top Secret" clearance. We doubt that is true since he can't sit in with his own officers for a debriefing on their work without another one-day waiver.

Commissioner Fish also asked for "more substantive" annual reports on JTTF activities. Reports required from 2012-2015 were threadbare. Zahra Billou told Council Tuesday that similar reports in Oakland

are also empty of meaningful content. The FBI controls what information is shared. While we would like to see reporting on any collaboration between the PPB and the JTTF, expanding on the kinds of information that were presented at the Work Session, that doesn't mean two officers need to be permanently deputized to work part time with the Task Force.

Suggestions that Officers "Mike" and "Brian" are able to give the Task Force information on any suspect in the entire city are not believable. The FBI is perfectly capable of finding phone numbers for the School Resource Officer program, the Behavioral Health Unit, or any other Bureau division that might have information to share with them about a criminal suspect... assuming the FBI isn't just fishing based on less than reasonable suspicion, which of course is prohibited under Oregon law.

And just for context, as of 2015 independent journalist Trevor Aaronson logged at least 175 FBI sting operations, and in 2017 he revealed that of 400 people convicted and released, one quarter were targets of such stings.

Nobody in authority has been talking about changing our nation's reliance on using violence to enforce state policy, which leads to so-called terrorism. While attempting to address problems of being in the JTTF, any tweaks to the current status quo do not protect civil liberties. Support the resolution to withdraw from the JTTF.

Finally, I would like to point out that nearly 50 organizations from labor, faith, social justice, immigrant rights, environmental, African American, Asian American, Muslim, Jewish, Christian, business and other communities signed the letter asking Council to withdraw. Our group made efforts to discuss the issue with the two non-state entities who testified at Tuesday's hearing, but neither wanted to sit down and have a dialogue. The worst thing we can do is stop listening to each other.

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Opinion: Our task force protects Americans and upholds the Constitution

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By Guest Columnist

By Renn Cannon

Cannon is a 20-year FBI veteran and the special agent in charge of Oregon. More information about the Oregon Joint Terrorism Task Force is available at https://portland.fbi.gov.

The mission of the FBI is twofold: to protect the American people and uphold the Constitution. This means we must protect citizens across Oregon's diverse communities while simultaneously protecting their rights. Last year, people worried about crimes and violence sent hundreds of thousands of tips and leads to the FBI. In Portland, our Joint Terrorism Task Force has been combing through such tips and leads since 2000 to help keep our community safe from violence.

Participation of our local police departments makes the task force effective. In addition to providing a mechanism for rapid information sharing, local police officers bring an increased understanding of the communities they patrol every day. They are experienced investigators and can quickly serve as a bridge between the FBI and affected departments in times of crisis.

The task force helps us achieve the teamwork between local, state and federal agencies noted as essential by the bipartisan 9/11 Commission.

The work the task force does in our communities matter. But what matters more is the way we work for the people we serve. Fears exist that the task force will target groups or individuals based on race, religion, immigration status or political beliefs. We take these concerns seriously. That's why our actions at all times are based on the guiding principles of the Constitution.

The task force investigations must be grounded on the rule of law, on integrity, on compassion and on fairness. Every day, we weigh our need to keep people safe with our duty to protect civil liberties and civil rights.

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We know we must earn your trust. In that spirit, I want to note important aspects of how our task force works to protect all communities in Oregon.

Joint Terrorism Task Forces operate with significant, meaningful

oversight. Task force investigations are closely overseen by prosecutors at the US Attorney's Office and at the U.S. Department of Justice. The Joint Terrorism Task Force Executive Board, made up of participating agency leaders including Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw, reviews work and provides guidance.

Federal judges oversee task force search warrants and wiretaps to ensure they are reasonable and necessary. Citizen grand juries review task force investigations to determine if charges should be brought.

Citizen juries -- overseen by judge -- decide guilt or innocence. Appeals courts review those decisions, and Congressional oversight committees in Washington, D.C. regularly review the work of the FBI, including the task forces. Truly, our system of checks and balances is firmly in place.

The task force does not target people based upon their race, religion

or politics. The task force initiates investigations based on credible information that a federal crime or act of violence may be underway. We never initiate an investigation based solely on race, religion or political belief. We take pride in protecting all communities. All that oversight cited above exists to make sure it stays that way. The task force does not targets immigrants. The Joint Terrorism Task Force never opens a case based on someone's immigration status. The FBI's mission priorities do not include immigration enforcement. We only use immigration violations when there are no other options to disrupt crimes or violence.

Although I can't guarantee the task force won't utilize immigration charges. I can guarantee we will only utilize these charges when necessary. I can also guarantee, and have done so many times, that state and local officers will never be used in immigration enforcement.

I'm proud of the work the task force does here in Oregon. Working together, we've helped connect services and support to those in need, protected the community and upheld our rights and freedoms.

I'm not so naive to believe we're perfect. So, we'll keep striving to improve our ability to assess threats and prevent violence. Just as important, we will also continue working to earn your trust, add transparency where we can and protect civil rights.

Why is this important? Because whether we worship in a church, temple or mosque: whether we are black, brown or white; whether we are rich or poor -- all of us deserve to live free from fear.

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Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I am Sandy Polishuk.

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I speak as a representative of 350PDX which has partnered with the City repeatedly on resolutions and initiatives to move the City closer to its climate goals, such as the fossil fuel infrastructure ban and divestment from fossil fuels. Our previous mayor hosted a meeting of local government and environment leaders with 350.org cofounder Bill McKibben. Does this sound like a terrorist organization?

Of course not. 350PDX works the full range of climate solutions from collaboration with you, to rousing the public to raise their voices to stop dangerous initiatives, such as the Jordan Cove project. Does this sound like terrorism?

Of course not. Occasionally we put our kayaks in the river to try to protect the Arctic from oil drilling or our bodies on railroad tracks to stop dangerous oil trains. We never hurt anyone or damage property. We don't run away if authorities come to arrest us. Does that sound like terrorism?

Of course not. Yet we know, courtesy of the Guardian [attached], that the FBI is watching 350.org and the network we are a part of. We don't know if they have infiltrated us or planted informants in our organization. What we do know is that their interest in peaceful groups like ours takes resources away from genuinely dangerous groups. Surveillance of this type creates a chilling effect, reminiscent of the McCarthy era when people were afraid to sign a petition or attend a meeting. We especially want immigrants, refugees, the Muslim community, people of color to feel safe enough to exercise their rights as part of our movement and community, as well.

Whether or not the City is in a formal partnership with the FBI, the Portland Police Department can and will cooperate and work with them in appropriate emergencies, but the City does not need and should not be a partner to the secretive and unlawful actions taken by the FBI against groups such as 350PDX

Revealed: FBI kept files on peaceful climate change protesters by Adam Federman Published in the Guardian Thu 13 Dec 2018

On 15 May 2016 three friends from Fairfield, Iowa, made the five-hour drive to an oil refinery on the shores of Lake Michigan to participate in what was part of a series of protests and acts of civil disobedience in the fight against climate change. They had every intention of getting arrested. What they didn't expect was to end up in an FBI file for taking part in a peaceful protest.

But according to documents obtained by the Guardian through a Freedom of Information Act (Foia) lawsuit, the file on the Iowa protesters was part of a larger effort by the FBI to assess the danger posed by the climate change activist group 350.org in the run-up to a series of actions that were part of the Break Free from Fossil Fuels campaign. The FBI released seven pages and withheld 25.

Though there is no evidence the FBI has opened an investigation into 350.org, one of the documents, catalogued as part of a related domestic terrorism case, says: "350.org are referenced in multiple investigations and assessments for their planned protests and disruptions." The file also makes an apparent reference to the 350.org founder Bill McKibben.

McKibben, who has been the subject of both rightwing surveillance and disturbing online death threats, said the FBI's apparent failure to distinguish between non-violent civil disobedience and domestic terrorism was contemptible.

"Trying to deal with the greatest crisis humans have stumbled into shouldn't require being subjected to government surveillance," McKibben said. "But when much of our government acts as a subsidiary of the fossil fuel industry, it may be par for the course."

The FBI is prohibited from investigating groups or individuals solely for their political beliefs but has been criticized in the past for treating non-violent civil disobedience as a form of terrorism. In 2010 the Office of the Inspector General released a report detailing how the FBI, particularly in the post-9/11 era, had inappropriately tracked activist groups such as Greenpeace and the Catholic Worker for engaging in non-violent protest.

The Break Free campaign took place over the course of a two-week period in May 2016 and included protests and acts of non-violent direct action on six continents. More than 30,000 people participated and dozens were arrested for trespassing and blocking rail access to refineries in what was described by the organizers as the largest coordinated act of civil disobedience in the fight against climate change.

The 15 May protest in Whiting, Indiana, involved about a thousand protesters who marched to the BP refinery, one of the largest processors of crude oil in the country. When they reached the entrance 41 of the protesters gathered in a circle on BP property and sang a protest chant.

For Jonas Magram, Thom Krystofiak and Inga Frick, all in their mid-to-late 60s, it was the first time theyhad ever been arrested. Frick, who is 67, said she was an unlikely activist but felt compelled to participate because of the urgency of addressing climate change.

"I think that by far the most important thing that's not happening in the world is not dealing with this," she said.

Magram, who is a part-time math teacher and turned 70 this week, was one of the organizers of No Bakken Here, an Iowa-based activist group that campaigned against the Dakota Access pipeline. Part of the pipeline runs through Jefferson county, Iowa, which includes the small city of Fairfield.

The file referencing the three Fairfield residents was drafted by the Omaha FBI field office, which oversees all of Nebraska and Iowa. Though their names are redacted Magram, Krystofiak and Frick were the only Fairfield residents arrested in Whiting during the protest, according to Krystofiak.

The subject of the file identifies the larger investigation or assessment as a "Sensitive Investigative Matter", which often refers to cases that involve political organizations and therefore require a higher level of scrutiny from the FBI.

In 2015 the Guardian revealed that the FBI had violated its own rules by failing to acquire the necessary approval to open an investigation into activists in Texas campaigning against the Keystone XL pipeline. That investigation went on for more than a year and swept up numerous activists including one who later learned he was on a US government watchlist for domestic flights.

Nebraska has been at the center of efforts to block construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, which activists and ranchers fear could threaten the Ogallala aquifer, one of the largest underground freshwater sources in the world. Now that the Keystone XL pipeline is again on the table – Donald Trump reversed the Obama-era decision to block the pipeline – activists have pledged to engage in non-violent civil disobedience if necessary. According to public records obtained by the ACLU, law enforcement is already coordinating efforts to crack down on pipeline protesters.

Magram said he wasn't surprised to learn he had been swept up in an FBI file but still found the implications disturbing. "It is very, very troubling that those of us who are committed to protecting life on our planet, through peaceful protest, would be regarded as suspected enemies of the state," he said.

Mike German, a former FBI agent and a fellow with the Brennan Center, said the FBI's tracking of the Iowa residents' arrests in Indiana was striking.

"The fact that the FBI is tracking civil disobedience arrests and logging that information into FBI files is quite troubling," he said. Absent intelligence indicating a planned act of

violence German said there was little justification for creating such a file on individual activists and this was precisely what the 2010 IG report warned against.

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The FBI's Los Angeles field office did not respond to detailed questions about the files. Reached by phone a spokesperson said: "I'm assuming the document speaks for itself if it was released under Foia." The FBI's Omaha field office did not respond to calls or emails.

Based on the documents released, the FBI inquiry into 350.org's planning around the Break Free campaign began with a request from the bureau's Los Angeles field office for information on the upcoming events. The FBI appears to have relied mostly on open source material in its description of the protests including a webinar hosted by 350.org on 6 April.

The file, dated 13 May, includes a detailed description of the planned protest in LA, which took place the following day. The FBI also noted that participants were encouraged to bring signs, bullhorns, musical instruments, snacks, food and water and that promotional materials had sought volunteers "willing to engage in civil disobedience and risk arrest to block access to ports or to 'Stop the Bomb Trains'". There were no arrests in Los Angeles.

The Omaha FBI file described the action in Indiana as "a mostly peaceful protest" that ended in arrests after a small group of activists "broke away from the main group", blocked traffic and trespassed. But Krystofiak disputed the FBI's characterization of the day's events.

Because the march was permitted, law enforcement officials blocked off streets for about three miles and were in frequent contact with the organizers. Krystofiak said there was no traffic to block. Roy Dominguez, an attorney and the former sheriff of Lake county, which includes Whiting, negotiated on behalf of the protesters and said there were no disruptions.

Some of the law enforcement officers even expressed their support for the protesters, Inga Frick said.

German says the demonization of protest groups such as 350.org engaging in non-violent direct action has helped to fuel a militant police reaction such as the use of water cannons and rubber bullets at Standing Rock. "It creates a cycle where the drum beat of warning about potential danger from these things leads to a certain kind of response that increases the police violence that occurs at these protests," German said.

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Dear Mayor and Commissioners: I strongly recommend that the City of Portland stay involved in the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Portland is experiencing tremendous growth and is, in my opinion, struggling to become a large city. We are living in a time of increasing bigotry and hate crimes, and Portland is no exception. I fail to understand the logic of pulling out of the JTTF. Certainly, concerns about the FBI profiling certain groups of people need to be taken seriously; however, these concerns do not outweigh the benefits of being part of the multi-agency JTTF.

As a secular Jew, I have been very concerned about the safety of Jews in Portland, being aware of the increase in blatant Jew-hating around us. There is no place in our society for bigotry targeting <u>any</u> group. The FBI is tasked with tracking and investigating hate groups, terrorist groups (which we know are mostly home-grown white supremacists/nationalists in the United States), and individuals threatening to commit crimes. The Portland Bureau of Police should have every available tool at it's disposal to anticipate and respond to hate crimes and terror attacks.

Please vote to keep the City of Portland in the JTTF.

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I support staying in the joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). My views are based on the following.

1) There are real threats facing our communities. These include international terrorism as well as domestic terrorism. Recent marches illustrate the threat of white supremacists, some of whom hold very violent views.

2) It is hard work investigating these types of cases, especially if we're trying to head off a potential attack.

3) The best way to do this hard work is to work as a team in a collaborative fashion. Working together in a collaborative fashion is always a better approach for community issues.

4) I believe that by working as a team on the JTTF we'll have more success making sure we don't inadvertently trample our values.

5) The threats are real and withdrawing from the JTTF will not make us safer. In fact, it increases the chances of a grave mistake.

I would encourage you to support the work of the JTTF and continue our participation.

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Karla, could you please submit the attached testimony for the hearing this afternoon?

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STATEMENT BY U.S. ATTORNEY BILLY J. WILLIAMS ON THE JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE

PORTLAND, Ore.—On Tuesday, February 12, 2019, Billy J. Williams, U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon, delivered the following statement at the Portland City Council's Joint Terrorism Task Force work session.

Remarks as prepared for delivery.

Mayor Wheeler and Council Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to present information about the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Our belief is that our ongoing briefings and conversations have strengthened our partnerships, enhanced transparency and understanding, and are critical to dispelling misinformation.

Partnerships between federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and the communities we serve is essential to public safety and building trust with all communities. It works.

Let me be clear, the JTTF is not an immigration task force, and suggesting otherwise is flat out wrong.

It does not target any individual or group based on race, religion, national origin, or first amendment protected activity. Doing so is illegal and morally wrong.

As a prosecutor, my job is to protect the community in a manner that ensures the civil rights of all Oregonians.

In my position as U.S. Attorney, I am very aware of the responsibility all of us in law enforcement have to the community and the trust we must earn every day.

To me, there is no more important way to do that than the rapid evaluation of threats reported to law enforcement by community members.

The community can count on a serious assessment and investigation of that information to protect public safety.

I can assure you, the daily decisions on those assessments made by this team are better with PPB officers' community knowledge, expertise and resources, and that make us all safer.

We have prepared a briefing today to highlight the task force's public safety efforts including the important oversight role my office plays in that work.

Local threats and case examples illustrate why it is so important for Portland Police officers to continue to be part of this effort.

Leaders from the PPB, FBI, and the US Attorney's office will be presenting and are also available for any questions. I will turn it over to them now.

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U.S. Attorney: Portland should remain in the Joint Terrorism Task Force

Published on Sunday, February 10, 2019 in The Oregonian

For the second time in the history of the Joint Terrorism Task Force's existence in the city of Portland, city commissioners are considering a resolution to withdraw. This is a mistake and jeopardizes public safety.

First, let's make sure everyone understands what the task force is and what it is not. There is a lot of misinformation circulating and false assumptions do not yield good decisions.

The task force is a partnership between federal and local law enforcement officers. It has two primary goals: investigating threats of violence and protecting civil liberties.

Threat investigations differ from just about every other type of case that law enforcement addresses. Threats of violence – whether they come from an angry teenager who claims he wants to take a gun to school, or whether they involve an adult purchasing bomb components – run the spectrum from genuine to confused and benign.

Gathering information quickly is key to this process, and local law enforcement serves a vital role in ensuring only genuine threats are pursued. It is our local police officers who know this community best, and our local officers who can direct appropriate individuals in need of mental health resources away from continued criminal investigation.

Withdrawing leaves Portland worse off than the other 103 major cities throughout the United States who are active participants in their own Joint Terrorism Task Force.

The work of task force members averts disasters that no one ever hears about. Last year, our task force assessed and mitigated nearly 300 threats of violence, most of which originated in Portland. The partnership works. It just cannot publicize its accomplishments given the sensitive nature of much of its work and the privacy interests of those involved.

Losing the Portland Police Bureau will mean that the task force will take longer to gather necessary information, impairing its ability to make accurate threat assessments, and the city of Portland will only hear about an investigation after the fact. Again, there is no upside for Oregonians if Portland Police, the state's largest law enforcement agency, withdraws.

Detractors base their criticisms on several false assumptions. The Joint Terrorism Task Force is not an immigration task force. Portland Police's participation in the task force is fully compliant with the state's sanctuary law. Although a threat investigation may ultimately yield a criminal immigration charge, an individual's immigration status is not used to open or drive a task force investigation.

The task force also does not target any individual or group based on race, religion, national origin or First Amendment protected activity. Any claim to the contrary is false. I recognize and understand why some Muslim and African American community members do not trust law enforcement. This is not limited to the Joint Terrorism Task Force. Building trust between law

enforcement and all segments of our community is one of my top priorities as the chief federal law enforcement officer in Oregon.

Trust must be earned. My office, along with the other task force members, has embraced that opportunity. For years, we have engaged with local community members and leaders to build bridges with one another centered on trust. We will continue to do so. Severing ties between Portland Police and the task force runs counter to that effort.

After all, we share common goals. We all want safe neighborhoods. We want to be able to worship, go to school and attend public events without fearing an armed gunman, a vehicle driving into a crowd or a bomb. We also want law enforcement to exercise good, well-informed judgment that protects our civil liberties.

A Joint Terrorism Task Force that includes Portland Police is our best opportunity to achieve those goals. We are stronger together than apart. Portland should not withdraw.

Billy J. Williams is the U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon

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Testimony of Mark Kramer 520 SW 6th Ave, #1010 Portland, OR 97204 503.243.2733 National Lawyers Guild, Portland Chapter Supporting the Withdrawal from the PPB from the JTTF February 13, 2019

Mayor Wheeler and Council Members:

My name is Mark Kramer and I have been a member of the National Lawyers Guild since 1981. The Guild has been active in supporting and protecting civil liberties and police accountability in Portland and beyond. Along with other concerned citizens and groups, we successfully advocated to have Portland withdraw from the JTTF in 2012 only to see Portland rejoin the JTTF in 2015.

I have some personal experience with surveillance overreach. More than 30 years ago, I had the dubious honor of being included by the PPB in their notorious Red Squad files. In litigation which led to the dismantling of the Red Squad, PPB

admitted they used paid agents, volunteer informers and other techniques to monitor dissenters and agreed that even the "reasonable suspicion" of something as trivial as trespass triggers their response.¹

I was included in the Red Squad files February 13, 2019 not for terrorist or subversive activity but forfrom my representation of individuals protesting against apartheid and U.S. supported repression in Central America

Our concerns back in 2012 continue today. In fact, we have heightened concerns given the current Trump Administration's repeated abuse of federal agencies, including ICE and the Department of Justice and the Administration's repeated lies and misrepresentations to Congress, state, and local representatives, and to ordinary citizens. The United States Department of Justice and FBI's leadership is in transition. History suggests that the Department of Justice and the FBI will overreach, ignore local and state restrictions on surveillance, and threaten the civil liberties of our citizens.

Specifically:

1. Only PPB officers assigned to the JTTF will receive classified information as to the JTTF investigations based on their Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information security clearance (TS/SCI). Although there have been proposals that the Mayor apply for such clearance, such clearance was previously denied to Mayor Adams, and there is no guarantee that clearance

¹¹https://college.lclark.edu/programs/political_economy/student_resources/past/

would be granted to our current or future Mayor or current or future Police Commissioner. To ensure that Oregon restrictions on criminal investigations are respected (ORS 181A.250)², by PPB's participation in the JTTF, it is essential that the Mayor, the Commissioner of Police and the Director of Independent Police Review (IPR) be granted security clearance. Until and unless such clearance is granted, Portland should not participate with JTTF.

2. The existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) provides that each JTTF member will be subject to the personnel rules, regulations, laws, and policies of the PPB (MOU, page 4, IV at 5). However, without the Mayor, Police Commissioner, and Director of IPR being authorized to access classified information, there is no way to assure that PPB officers will indeed respect the policies of the PPB and the laws of the State of Oregon, including the laws that prohibit investigations based on immigration status or exercise of civil rights. According to the MOU, JTTF members "are strictly forbidden from disclosing classified information to individuals who do not possess the appropriate security clearance and the need to know." (MOU, page 6, VI at 1).

3. By participating in the JTTF, the PPB will lose autonomy in investigations that may relate to a JTTF matter. The MOU specifically states that PPB:

"...agrees to not knowingly act unilaterally on any matter affecting the JTTF without first coordinating with the FBI * * * . Matters designated to be handled by the JTTF shall not knowingly be subject to non-JTTF or non-FBI intelligence, law enforcement, or operational efforts by the participating agency." (MOU, page 9, X at A).

This means the PPB cannot investigate leads or theories outside the JTTF framework, even if it is a matter of local concern. Because of lack of security clearance. PPB officers assigned to the JTTF, would not be able to brief the Mayor or the Commissioner of Police on investigations that that might justify an independent or collateral investigation by PPB. Such officers could not brief the Mayor, the Commissioner of Police or IPR of JTTF overreach.

4. While the JTTF MOU and protocols provide for periodic briefings, the timing and scope of the briefings are not defined, and because of the security clearance issue, it is unlikely that the Mayor and Commissioner of Police will get to get the information needed to ensure that the interests and rights of Portlanders are being protected.

²² ORS 181A.250 Specific information not to be collected or maintained. No law enforcement agency, as defined in ORS 181A.010, may collect or maintain information about the political, religious or social views, associations or activities of any individual, group, association, organization, corporation, business or partnership unless such information directly relates to an investigation of criminal activities, and there are reasonable grounds to suspect the subject of the information is or may be involved in criminal conduct. [Formerly 181.575]

5. Last year, this council voted to give PPB additional resources to further community policing and address the needs of a growing city. The JTTF would only divert those resources away from the areas where they're needed most. Portland cannot afford to spare resources dedicated to investigations which may have little or no benefit to Portland citizens. We can all agree that there are not enough PPB officers on the street, and certainly not enough PPB officers to support community policing. Portland cannot afford to spare resources dedicated to investigations which may have little or no benefit to portland cannot afford to spare resources dedicated to investigations.

The dangers of withdrawing from the JTTF have been overstated and sensationalized. There is nothing to prevent PPB from consulting with the FBI and specifically with the JTTF, and vice versa, outside of formal JTTF participation. When emergencies or crises develop, PPB can consult with the FBI and vice versa to address common needs and interests. On the other hand, the dangers of continued participation in the JTTF, including the diversion of PPB resources, the potential that our civil rights will be violated, and the lack of transparency and accountability are clear and present dangers that compel us to withdraw from the JTTF.

We urge you to support Commissioner Hardesty's resolution.

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Please see attached letter from the Major Cities Chiefs Association.

Best, Nicole

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MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

February 12, 2019

To the Honorable Mayor and Commissioners for the City of Portland, Oregon

On behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association, we urge you to oppose the proposal to withdraw from the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), which is a partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and local law enforcement agencies.

All Americans have a profound and direct stake in efforts to prevent terrorism, and because of their respective missions, the FBI and local law enforcement have different advantages when it comes to counterterrorism. The FBI has greater access to secret or classified information and is better positioned to investigate national or international terrorist networks because of the federal government's national and international reach and its plentiful resources. Local law enforcement, on the other hand, likely has greater contacts in and ties to the local community; thus, a greater understanding of local sensitivities making it better positioned to gain the cooperation of city residents.

We understand well the debate surrounding the JTTF and the potential for civil rights abuses, and local law enforcement practices that inhibit the trust of the community must be addressed with enhanced training in a timely manner.

Security and the protection of civil liberties, however, are not mutually exclusive. It is reasonable for residents of any city to expect to be secure from both physical harm and violations of their individual liberties, which means that strong legal checks must be maintained over the exercise of governmental power and that counterterrorism measures be subject to prompt judicial review.

In this regard, the Major Cities Chiefs Association wholly supports these protections for all of Portland's citizens.

Art Acevedo President

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To the Mayor and Commissioners:

Before the Portland Police Bureau is authorized to cooperate in secret in the name of "protecting us from terrorism and terrorists", I would want to know how Portland and other local governments throughout the country conspired to shut down the Occupy actions of 2011 across the nation simultaneously.

I know great minds think alike, but how amazing that officials throughout the nation happened to crack down at the same time.

Cities across the nation had, in varying degrees, tolerated the occupations in their jurisdictions for weeks. Then, within days of each other, cities began routing their Occupiers. Apparently, the norm (i.e., "business as usual", "mainstream economics", "permissible exercise of First Amendment rights") was breached beyond a tolerable degree, not by the particular actions of the protestors, but by the duration of their protests. I never saw any reports about inter-governmental conferring, with or without the facilitation of any federal authorities. I would like to know how governments lose their patience for democracy and replace respect for constitutional rights with imposition of "law"-and-order.

Does the DNA of municipal officials contain a uniform, pre-set notion of the range of their constituents' behavior that is acceptable or is the acceptable variation from the norm decreed from on high?

(That a majority of the 2011 Portland City Council is no longer in office in no way allays my concern for democracy or diminishes my need for the City of Portland to be accountable for its past or present.)

Before authorizing non-transparent cooperation with any entity - but especially with a federal agency that has a history of anti-democratic practices - I would like some transparency around the City's own limitations in its tolerance for democracy.

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Dear Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners,

Please find attached the League's testimony on the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Debbie Aiona League of Women Voters of Portland



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FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force City Council Testimony February 13, 2019

Over its 99-year history, the League of Women Voters has developed a set of fundamental principles upon which we act. Two of those principles relate to the city's participation in the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). The League "promotes an open governmental system that is representative, accountable, and responsive ... and that protects individual liberties established by the Constitution." Furthermore, "it promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation in government."

The League first testified on this issue in 2001 and again urges City Council to withdraw from the JTTF. We value the protections afforded by Oregon law (ORS 181A.250) to individuals engaging in political and other non-criminal First Amendment activities. Portland residents have no guarantee that our local officers assigned to the JTTF are honoring those protections due to FBI restrictions on access to information. The FBI is not responsible for ensuring our officers comply with state law and asking them to monitor their own behavior is impractical and lacks accountability.

A December 2018 Guardian^{*} <u>article</u> underscores the community's concern about FBI actions. The article revealed that the FBI created files on climate change activists in the Midwest. These files are part of a larger effort to assess the work of 350.org. Mike German is quoted in the article expressing concern about this news:

> "The fact that the FBI is tracking civil disobedience arrests and logging that information into FBI files is quite troubling," he said. Absent intelligence indicating a planned act of violence German said there was little justification for creating such a file on individual activists and this was precisely what the 2010 IG report warned against. (The Guardian, *Revealed: FBI kept files on peaceful climate change protesters*, Dec. 13, 2018)

The League of Women Voters believes that our democracy is strengthened and sustained by the community's active participation in government. That involvement is threatened when individuals feel they have to look over their shoulders because they fear they are targets of government surveillance and file keeping. We urge you to withdraw and instead work on legitimate law enforcement investigations when actual criminal activity is suspected and detected on a case-by-case basis.

*www.theguardian.com/us-news/2018/dec/13/fbi-climate-change-protesters-iowa-files-monitoring-surveillance-

To promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of the attached letter. Thank you,

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February 11, 2019

City of Portland Mayor and City Council 1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 110 Portland, OR 97204 (Sent via email)

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Chloe Eudaly, Nick Fish, Amanda Fritz and Jo Ann Hardesty:

RE: Withdrawal from the Joint Terrorism Task Force

As Mayor of the City of Hillsboro, I urge you to oppose the proposal to withdraw from the Joint Terrorism Task Force. The Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) is a partnership between the FBI and local law enforcement agencies. While this is a Portland decision it affects the entire Metro region. To illustrate this point more than 50,000 people commute into Hillsboro each day to work. There are 30,000 people who live in Hillsboro who commute to Portland and other places outside of our city for work. So your decision will affect the literally 10's of 1,000's who work and commute between our two cities.

Outside the region, all Americans have a profound and direct stake in efforts to prevent terrorism. Because of their respective missions, the FBI and local law enforcement have different advantages when it comes to counterterrorism. The FBI has greater access to secret or classified information and is better positioned to investigate national or international terrorist networks because of the federal government's national and international reach and its plentiful resources. Local law enforcement, on the other hand, likely has greater contacts in and ties to the local community and thus a greater understanding of local sensitivities, making it better positioned to gain the cooperation of city residents.

I understand well the debate surrounding the JTTF and the potential for civil rights abuses.

But security and the protection of civil liberties, however, are not mutually exclusive. It is reasonable for residents of any city to expect to be secure from both physical harm and violations of their individual liberties, which means that strong legal checks must be maintained over the exercise of governmental power and that counterterrorism measures be subject to prompt judicial review. I wholly support these protections for all of Portland's citizens, for everybody who lives and works in Hillsboro, and all of the Metro region.

Sincerely,

Steve Calleway

Steve Callaway Mayor

cc: Jennifer Arguinzoni, Director of External Affairs for the City of Portland Kristin Dennis, Interim Chief of Staff for City of Portland Sonia Schmanski, Chief of Staff for Commissioner Nick Fish Tim Crail, Chief of Staff for Commissioner Amanda Fritz Marshall Runkel, Chief of Staff for Commissioner Chloe Eudaly Karly Edwards, Chief of Staff for Jo Ann Hardesty City Council Clerks Office @ cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov

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Good morning, Council Clerk,

This testimony was received by Auditor Hull Caballero for what appears to be this Wednesday's agenda item 134. I'm not sure if you received a separate email from Connie – my apologies if this a duplicate.

Thank you!

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From: Connie Schwendemann <connie@spiretech.com> Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 9:43 PM To: City Auditor, Mary Hull Caballero <AuditorHullCaballero@portlandoregon.gov> Subject: Joint Terrorism Task Force

Dear Auditor Hull Caballero:

I understand that on Wednesday, February 13, the Portland City Council agenda includes a discussion on withdrawing from participation in the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). The safety of its citizens is the primary job of the City of Portland's government.

Withdrawing from the JTTF is not a step in that direction.

Sincerely, Connie Schwendemann Resident of Portland

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February 11, 2019

City of Portland Mayor and City Council 1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 110 Portland, OR 97204 (Sent via email)

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Chloe Eudaly, Nick Fish, Amanda Fritz and Jo Ann Hardesty:

RE: Withdrawal from the Joint Terrorism Task Force

As Mayor of the City of Hillsboro, I urge you to oppose the proposal to withdraw from the Joint Terrorism Task Force. The Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) is a partnership between the FBI and local law enforcement agencies. While this is a Portland decision it affects the entire Metro region. To illustrate this point more than 50,000 people commute into Hillsboro each day to work. There are 30,000 people who live in Hillsboro who commute to Portland and other places outside of our city for work. So your decision will affect the literally 10's of 1,000's who work and commute between our two cities.

Outside the region, all Americans have a profound and direct stake in efforts to prevent terrorism. Because of their respective missions, the FBI and local law enforcement have different advantages when it comes to counterterrorism. The FBI has greater access to secret or classified information and is better positioned to investigate national or international terrorist networks because of the federal government's national and international reach and its plentiful resources. Local law enforcement, on the other hand, likely has greater contacts in and ties to the local community and thus a greater understanding of local sensitivities, making it better positioned to gain the cooperation of city residents.

I understand well the debate surrounding the JTTF and the potential for civil rights abuses.

But security and the protection of civil liberties, however, are not mutually exclusive. It is reasonable for residents of any city to expect to be secure from both physical harm and violations of their individual liberties, which means that strong legal checks must be maintained over the exercise of governmental power and that counterterrorism measures be subject to prompt judicial review. I wholly support these protections for all of Portland's citizens, for everybody who lives and works in Hillsboro, and all of the Metro region.

Sincerely,

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February 8, 2019

The Honorable Ted Wheeler, Mayor City of Portland 1221 SW 4th Ave, Room 340 Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mayor Wheeler,

I write today regarding the discussions occurring at the Portland City Commission regarding Portland's participation in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). As a general principle, I am loath to opine regarding another jurisdiction's policy discussions, but in this case I feel strongly that the issue at hand has regional implications that may not have been considered to-date.

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To be clear, I fully understand the concerns at hand. Federal law enforcement agencies have too-often lost the trust of local communities. Particularly within the context of the current Administration, fears of federal misuse of authority are valid, and I have been vocally critical of the President's inflammatory and hateful language and antagonistic policy perspectives.

As a mayor entering my fourth term, however, I can also speak to a tenure in local leadership that spans beyond any specific federal Administration. In my experience, the political paradigms in Washington, D.C. don't necessarily impact the work of the FBI on the regional level, and until evidence to the contrary is presented, it is prudent to consider the question on its merit.

While I agree that federal law enforcement has a lot of work to do to build trust in the community, the question at hand is whether or not residents of our region are better served if Portland participates in the JTTF. At the end of the day, the FBI is going to conduct counter-terrorism law enforcement activities in the Portland region, with or without Portland's participation. Are residents of the region better served with the FBI operating alone, or better served if the FBI is informed by the community-specific relationships forged by the Portland Police Bureau? It seems clear to me that residents are best served if local relationships and expertise help inform the FBI's presence in the region.

Thank you, as always, for the opportunity to share my perspective. As your Commission considers this question, please keep in mind the impact of Portland's actions on our shared regional community. Should you be interested in engaging the region more broadly to explore these implications, I'd be happy to join you in convening a discussion at the Metropolitan Mayors Consortium.

Best Wishes,

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Shane Bemis Mayor of Gresham

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Before the Portland City Council April 18, 2018

Mayor Wheeler and Council Members,

It is my pleasure today to testify on behalf of the Brennan Center for Justice's Liberty and National Security Program. We believe that national security policies and practices are most effective when they respect constitutional values and the rule of law, are subjected to stringent oversight, and public accountability. My 16 years as an FBI special agent taught me this was true. I worked undercover on domestic terrorism investigations overseen by Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTF) in Los Angeles and Seattle in the 1990s. In those cases, I operated under Attorney General's Guidelines that required me to have a reasonable indication that each person I investigated was engaging in or likely to engage in a violation of federal law. This standard was essentially the same as that imposed by Oregon's criminal intelligence statute.¹ Both were enacted for the same purpose: to protect the privacy and civil liberties of innocent persons and ensure law enforcement activities are based on evidence of wrongdoing rather than bias. As a working agent, I also found this reasonable standard made my investigations more effective, by focusing my efforts and resources where the evidence directed.

Unfortunately, after the 9/11 attacks, the Justice Department and Congress altered the FBI's authorities significantly, giving it power to conduct electronic surveillance, gather intelligence, and investigate people and organizations it does not suspect of engaging in criminal activity. As a result, Portland police officers assigned to the JTTF would find it extremely difficult, if not impossible to comply with Oregon law while conducting routine operations under the FBI's current counterterrorism authorities and practices. Moreover, the FBI exercises these expanded powers in nearly complete secrecy, giving overseers, the public, and victims of abuse few opportunities to challenge them for legality or effectiveness.

Congress passed the USA PATRIOT Act weeks after the attacks, easing the use of secret foreign intelligence powers to amass enormous databases containing information about persons two and three degrees separated from individuals who are merely "relevant" to an authorized inquiry.²

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Congress continued reauthorizing its most problematic provisions even after Justice Department Inspector General audits began revealing widespread abuse in 2007, including the use of illegal "exigent letters" to gather telephone toll records of journalists based on faked emergencies.³ It wasn't until National Security Agency (NSA) whistleblower Edward Snowden provided journalists with documents revealing the government's secret interpretation of the PATRIOT Act that allowed the FBI to gather the phone records of virtually all Americans that even members of Congress realized how expansively the bureau was using these authorities.⁴ The FBI also claims the authority to sift through the NSA's vast trove of intercepted international communications without warrants to seek evidence for use in routine criminal investigations against Americans, though it won't say how often it conducts these backdoor searches.⁵ Portland police officers assigned to the JTTF have routine access to most of these data bases when conducting counterterrorism investigations or intelligence gathering activities.

The Justice Department also amended the Attorney General's Guidelines that govern the FBI's investigative authorities several times after 9/11, lastly and most significantly by Attorney General Michael Mukasey in December 2008.⁶ The Mukasey guidelines created a new type of investigation called an "assessment," and expanded the scope of preliminary investigations, neither of which require reasonable suspicion in order to initiate. Assessments permit physical surveillance, commercial and government database searches, overt and covert interviews, racial and ethnic mapping, and the recruitment and tasking of informants without any factual predicate, that is, without any objective basis to suspect the target of the investigation has violated any law or is likely to in the future.⁷

Agents open assessments by claiming they have an "authorized purpose," like preventing crime or terrorism, but such subjective criteria allow agents immense discretion. Over 82,325 assessments of individuals and organizations that the FBI opened from 2009 to 2011, only 3,315 found information that warranted opening preliminary or full investigations, according to data the FBI released to *The New York Times*.⁸ Assessments can be opened for the purpose of finding information to coerce a person to become an FBI informant. Again, no factual predicate suggesting wrongdoing is required.

Preliminary investigations can last up to 18 months and require only "information or an allegation." A 2010 Inspector General inquiry regarding FBI investigations of domestic advocacy groups like the Thomas Merton Center for Peace and Justice, Greenpeace, Catholic Worker, and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals found FBI agents often make the required allegations, based on the agents' speculation that the subjects might commit a crime in the future.⁹ Importantly, though the Inspector General found these investigations problematic, he determined they would be authorized under the Mukasey guidelines. Only full investigations, which allow electronic wiretaps and search warrants, require the reasonable suspicion of criminal activity that Oregon law requires.¹⁰

The abuse that results from these low standards is not hypothetical. Despite the excessive secrecy shrouding most JTTF activities, substantial public evidence shows the FBI has repeatedly used its post-9/11 powers to harass political dissidents, immigrants, and minority communities. The Portland Police can be proud of the fact they led resistance to this federal overreach when Attorney General Ashcroft ordered FBI agents to conduct "voluntary" interviews of thousands of

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Middle Eastern immigrants based on nothing but their national origin. This broad racial and ethnic profiling has not stopped. In 2009 the FBI initiated a nationwide program of mapping American communities by race and ethnicity, and tracking so-called "ethnic behaviors," which the Justice Department specifically authorized in 2014.¹¹ FBI documents obtained by *The Intercept* reveal agents regularly exploit immigration records, scour Facebook and infiltrate Muslim Students Associations or local mosques to recruit informants.¹² On the eve of the 2016 presidential elections FBI agents conducted at least 109 interviews of American Muslims across the nation, asking generalized questions about potential threats to polling places, and potentially suppressing voter turnout from these communities.¹³

In August 2017, the FBI circulated an intelligence assessment to its local networks, including thousands of local police officers assigned to the JTTF. The document warned of the threat posed to law enforcement by so-called "Black Identity Extremists," a movement it describes as responding to "*perceptions* of police brutality against African Americans."¹⁴ Local law enforcement has adopted this thinly veiled allusion to the Black Lives Matter movement as a threat to be prioritized in investigations.¹⁵ Indeed, the FBI has previously targeted Black Lives Matter activists with intimidating visits to their homes and workplaces, as they have done with environmental activists across the country and here in Portland.¹⁶ These harassing activities do not make us safer.

Portland is the first city to refuse to participate in the JTTF in 2005, but others have now followed this lead. In 2012, the San Francisco City Council passed an ordinance requiring the SFPD to submit annual public reports about its work with the FBI, a process modeled on the Portland ordinance passed in 2011.¹⁷ As in Portland, the JTTF resisted efforts to fully comply with the public reporting requirements. Instead of submitting its report in 2017 as required, the SFPD suspended its participation in the JTTF.¹⁸ Following this action, the Oakland City Council unanimously passed an ordinance requiring that Oakland Police Department officers assigned to the JTTF follow state and local law, submit annual public reports, and obtain approval from the city's Privacy Advisory Committee before signing any Memoranda of Understanding with the FBI JTTF.¹⁹

These ordinances imposed reasonable and necessary measures to ensure that local police comply with state and local laws and protect their constituents from federal overreach and abuse. JTTF officials' failure to fully comply with them reveals such measures are insufficient, however. By withdrawing from the JTTF, the City of Portland would rejoin the frontlines of a movement to uphold the constitutional rights of its constituents and hold federal agencies accountable to the law. Ensuing public safety includes protecting against unwarranted government interference with the free exercise of our civil rights and liberties.

¹ Or. Rev. Stat. § 181A.250, <u>https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors181a.html</u>.

² Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001, 107 P.L. 56, 115 Stat. 272.

³ OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GEN., DEP'T OF JUSTICE, A REVIEW OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION'S USE OF EXIGENT LETTERS AND OTHER INFORMAL REQUESTS FOR TELEPHONE RECORDS (2010), available at <u>http://www.justice.gov/oig/special/s1001r.pdf</u>

⁴ Glenn Greenwald, "NSA collecting phone records of millions of Verizon customers daily," *The Guardian*, June 5, 2013, http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/jun/06/nsa-phone-records-verizon-court-order.

⁵ Louise Matsakis, "Congress Renews Warrantless Surveillance – And Makes It Even Worse," *Wired Magazine*, Jan. 11, 2018, at: <u>https://www.wired.com/story/fisa-section-702-renewal-congress/</u>.

⁶ See Emily Berman, "Domestic Intelligence: New Powers, New Risks," *Brennan Center for Justice at New York University Law School*, January 18, 2011, <u>https://www.brennancenter.org/publication/domestic-intelligence-new-powers-new-risks</u>.

⁷ U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, *The Attorney General's Guidelines for Domestic FBI Operations* (2008), https://www.justice.gov/archive/opa/docs/guidelines.pdf.

⁸ Charlie Savage, "F.B.I. Focusing on Security Over Ordinary Crime," *The New York Times*, August 23, 2011, sec. U.S., <u>https://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/24/us/24fbi.html</u>.

 ⁹ OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GEN., DEP'T OF JUSTICE, A REVIEW OF THE FBI'S INVESTIGATIONS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC ADVOCACY GROUPS (2010), http://www.justice.gov/oig/special/s1009r.pdf
¹⁰ Or. Rev. Stat. § 181A.250.

¹¹ The Department of Justice, *Guidance for Federal Law Enforcement Regarding Their Use of Race, Ethnicity, Gender, National Origin, Religion, Sexual Orientation*, December 2014,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Domestic Investigations and Operations Guide (DIOG)*, December 16, 2008. ¹² Cora Currier, "The FBI Wanted to Target Yemenis Through Student Groups and Mosques," *The Intercept*, September 29, 2016, <u>https://theintercept.com/2016/09/29/the-fbi-wanted-to-target-yemenis-through-student-groups-and-mosques/</u>; and Cora Currier, "Revealed: The FBI's Secret Methods for Recruiting Informants at the Border," *The Intercept*, Oct. 5, 2016, <u>https://theintercept.com/2016/10/05/fbi-secret-methods-for-recruiting-informants-at-the-border/</u>

¹³ Mazin Sidahmed, "FBI Pre-election Sweep of Muslim Americans Raises Surveillance Fears," *The Guardian*, Jan. 16, 2017, <u>https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2017/jan/16/fbi-muslim-americans-visits-surveillance-cair</u>.

¹⁴ Jana Winter and Sharon Weinberger, "The FBI's New U.S. Terrorist Threat: 'Black Identity Extremists," *Foreign Policy*, October 6, 2017, <u>https://foreignpolicy.com/2017/10/06/the-fbi-has-identified-a-new-domestic-terrorist-threat-and-its-black-identity-extremists/</u>.

¹⁵ Martin De Bourmont, "Is a Court Case in Texas the First Prosecution of a 'Black Identity Extremist'?," *Foreign Policy*, January 30, 2018, <u>https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/01/30/is-a-court-case-in-texas-the-first-prosecution-of-ablack-identity-extremist/;</u> Will Parrish, "Documents: Police Targeted Leftists Before 'Unite The Right' Rally," Shadowproof, March 7, 2018, <u>https://shadowproof.com/2018/03/07/documents-reveal-police-targeting-anti-racistscharlottesville/.</u>

¹⁶ Adam Federman, "Lawyer for Environmental Group 'interrogated Repeatedly' at US Border," the Guardian, July 6, 2015, <u>http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/jul/06/environmental-group-lawyer-interrogated</u>.

¹⁷ San Francisco, Calif., Admin. Code § 2A.74 (2012); Brandon E. Patterson, "Are Police Targeting Black Lives Matter Activists Ahead of the GOP Convention?", Mother Jones, June 30, 2016,

https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2016/06/cleveland-protesters-rnc-police-fbi-visits/

¹⁸ "SFPD Suspends Participation with the Joint Terrorism Task Force," news release, February 1, 2017, <u>http://sanfranciscopolice.org/article/sfpd-suspends-participation-joint-terrorism-task-force</u>.

¹⁹ Oakland, Calif., City Council Ord. 13457, § 2 (October 3, 2017),

https://library.municode.com/ca/oakland/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT9PUPEMOWE.

134 Testimony Chief Outlaw JTTF

Hi Karla,

Below is a download link for Chief Outlaw's JTTF video testimony for this afternoon's Council Session. Please note that it is different from the video that was shown yesterday during the Work Session.

https://hcpaw.portlandoregon.gov/u/lpbL3q8Wy8WElsve/20190213%20-%20Testimony%20-%20JTTF%20%28Chief%20Outlaw%29.mp4?l

I will also have this file available on a thumb drive if needed.

Can you please confirm with me after the file has been loaded onto the laptop and tested? You may also reach out to me anytime today if I can help in any way or if I need to contact BTS.

Thank you very much for your help,



Adam Thompson

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