

CITIZENS CRIME COMMISSION

The Honorable Sam Adams
City of Portland
1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 340
Portland, OR 97204

December 13, 2010

Dear Mayor Adams,

The Citizens Crime Commission would like to express our deepest gratitude to the men and women of the Portland Police Bureau and the FBI for their collaborative work interdicting, investigating, and building a criminal case against a person intent on harming citizens of our City during the holiday tree lighting ceremony at Pioneer Courthouse Square. We are also aware that these efforts are ongoing and rarely receive this level of media attention.

We support your initiative to reexamine the city's official membership in the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). As you may recall, the Citizens Crime Commission supported the city's participation in the JTTF when the issue last came before Council. We appreciate your efforts to involve the community in this process and the general scope of your review. We encourage your study to include an analysis of cities and agencies that have maintained partnership with their local JTTF teams.

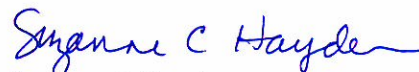
As the events of November 26 show, Portland is not immune to security threats; local, national and international. Across the nation, communication or the lack of coordinated communication between public safety agencies continues to be the number one failure in security threat events that did not end well. The potential impact of a successful bomb attack would have been devastating. This requires an exhaustive review of every available resource to ensure ongoing public safety. Efforts to enable effective communications between local, state and national public safety agencies are of critical importance.

Thank you again for initiating this important policy review. We look forward to working with you to ensure the continued safety of our city.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Citizens Crime Commission



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Executive Director, Citizens Crime Commission