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Dear Superintendent Coddling,

On behalf of the ODOT Transportation Safety Office, we would like to congratulate Trooper Boon Setser for his recent recognition by the Oregon DUII Multidisciplinary Task Force as the 2022 Drug Recognition Expert of the Year.

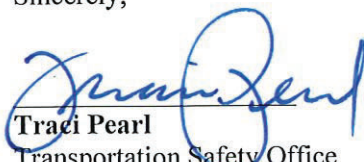
As members of the State's transportation safety team, we continue to see countless crashes on Oregon highways leading to senseless deaths, lifelong physical injuries, and property damage, all because of the poor choices made by impaired drivers. The ripple effects in our communities as a result of these crashes cannot be overstated, and unfortunately drug-impaired driving crashes have been trending upward in recent years in our state.


The reality of our state's drug-impaired driving problem dictates that our law enforcement partners deploy well-trained, highly motivated Drug Recognition Experts who can successfully apprehend offenders, assist other officers with their own DUII-Drug investigations, and provide credible information to their communities to prevent future offenses and to aid in successful prosecutions. By all accounts, Trooper Setser has met all of those challenges with great dedication, and to great effect in the communities he serves.

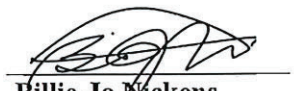
As if his outstanding enforcement-related efforts weren't enough, Trooper Setser's addition to the state's DRE Instructor cadre has made an immediate positive impact to the program. His experience as a teacher was immediately obvious to anyone who has observed him instruct, and he has demonstrated an impressive ability to relate complex DRE instructional material in a manner that can be more easily absorbed by DRE students. We can only imagine that Trooper Setser's calm, approachable instruction demeanor also carries great weight with offenders in enforcement settings, leading to improved evidence gathering and successful prosecution outcomes in Oregon's difficult legal environment for DUII-Drugs.

It is with humble gratitude that we offer our congratulations and sincere thanks to Trooper Setser for his efforts and accomplishments. We would also like to thank you and your leadership team for allowing and encouraging your troopers to perform this invaluable work. We appreciate all you do to keep our roads safe, and to prevent crashes and save lives.

Sincerely,


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