

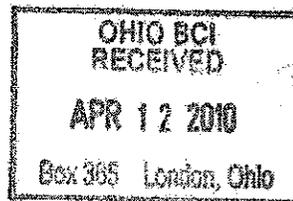
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Mr. Peter C. Tobin, Chair
Ohio State Highway Patrol Mission Review Task Force
c/o Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation
1560 State Route 56 SW
London, OH 43140



Dear Mr. Tobin:

I write in support of the investigative division of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. I have worked in the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office since 1981 and have been involved with members of the patrol throughout my career. Since 1984 I have worked in the felony division and have worked numerous felony investigations with the patrol since that time. I have always found their work to be thorough and their presentations professional and extremely well done.

My main contact with the patrol investigative division occurred in our mutual work involving the Lucasville prison riot in 1993. I was appointed special prosecutor of all of the prosecutions arising from the riot shortly after the riot ended and worked on a daily basis in the prison with the investigators for most of the next 6 months and on a steady basis for the years following the riot. They were able to take what was on its face an impossible task and put together very compelling cases. The organization and teamwork as well as their investigative skills brought to justice 47 of the 50 indicted defendants in what was the longest and one of the deadliest riots in the history of the United States. Few if any investigative teams could have completed such a task.

I give my unconditional support to their efforts and am grateful for the opportunity to work with such fine individuals over the course of my career.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Piepmeier
Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney