



# OREGON-IDAHO HIDTA PROGRAM

HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA

April 13, 2021

Dear Colleague,

I am writing this letter of support and recommendation for CLEAR Alliance, an Oregon non-profit organization that provides fact-based education pertaining to the impacts of substance abuse and impaired driving on the state's citizens. The Oregon-Idaho High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program has provided financial and advisory support to CLEAR Alliance since 2015.

Particularly in the area of youth marijuana education, CLEAR Alliance has been a statewide leader through their development and delivery of the Tobacco Marijuana & E-cigarettes Course (TMEC). TMEC is a highly regarded and well received health, safety and impaired driving educational program that has been taught to thousands of students in middle and high schools as well as in driver education programs throughout Oregon. .

On February 6, 2020 CLEAR Alliance's TMEC program was recognized by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) with a national HIDTA "Outstanding Public Health/Public Safety Collaboration Effort" award which was presented by former ONDCP Director James Carroll and National HIDTA Director Shannon Kelly during a ceremony in Washington, D.C.



CLEAR Alliance ED Mandi Puckett receiving National HIDTA Award – 2/6/2021

CLEAR Alliance has been a valued partner of the Oregon-Idaho HIDTA in our shared vision of significantly reducing the harmful impacts drugs throughout Oregon. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 503-934-2020 or e-mail me at [chris.r.gibson@state.or.us](mailto:chris.r.gibson@state.or.us).

Sincerely,

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