Oregon Citizens Lobby

A growing statewide collaborative effort by citizens to promote legislative accountability.

Oregon Citizens Lobby opposes SB833 for the following reasons.

This bill allows illegal aliens to obtain short term but renewable driver's licenses. This will enable them to appear as having legal status in our state.

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Personal Choice

The government interfering with commerce by allowing illegal aliens to take our benefits of citizenship robs us of our personal choice, through higher taxes. more competition for jobs, higher health care costs and higher crime rates.

Fiscal Responsibility

Fiscal impact not stated. This law if passed would allow someone to appear as if they had legal presence for work and/or receive benefits from Oregon. The loss would be difficult to establish.

Limited Government

Government should recognize and follow it's own laws, before saying it is OK to disregard them. Some of the types of documents allowed under this bill, such as a consular card are not even recognized by our notary publics as proof of identity. This is also a renewable license, so it is really not a short term license, it just has more fees associated with it.

Local Control

This is against any control be it local, state or federal as it allows the disregard for immigration laws. It would be possible to register to vote with a Oregon Driver's license, that the alien would not have access to without this card, if the person was willing to lie and say they were a citizen.

Free Markets

Government should not allow illegal aliens to take jobs that law abiding citizens have the ability to do. Driving is a skill that is used for many types of work. Allowing illegal aliens to take these jobs will disrupt the free market system.