

## Support for SB176

My name is Heidi Ragsdale and I am a resident of Malheur County. I am a full-time wheelchair user and I drive an accessible vehicle that fits my needs to allow me my independence. I consider myself to be a very independent woman who enjoys working, family time, and having my freedom.

When HB3011 in 2015 and HB2482 in 2017 were passed, my independence in driving was no longer a safe nor reassuring act for me. Traveling out of town or after hours is questionable at best as I don't know 'when, where, or if' I am able to get assistance to fuel up.

You see my problem is that some if not most service stations in rural Oregon do not have gas attendants available to help me fuel up during the night or even during the daytime hours. I do not have the luxury of being able to safely pump my own fuel as my wheelchair does not allow me to get close enough to the pump. So my independence is restricted by distance or by having to ask a friend or family member to go with me to the gas station and pump my gas.

What I am hoping for, even though Malheur County is in the rural population, is for you to please consider reasonable accommodations in accordance with the ADA for people with all disabilities to help us be free and independent in all of Oregon again.

Thank you,

Heidi Ragsdale  
Malheur County