

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Fatima Rios-Nungaray, I am 16 years old. I live in a small town in Southern Oregon called White City. When I was younger at one point neither of my parents had their license, we relied on public transportation and family members for some time. During that time my mom took care of my sister and I as well as my cousins. I remember waiting for the bus out in the cold winter and in the hot summer. My family was fortunate enough to have my mom gain access to renew her license. Although, this was a huge blessing that I am grateful for, I am aware that this was not the case for every family in Oregon. Today there is still many Oregonians driving without a license not because they do it to break the law but because they do it out of necessity. Even though my mom has her license, do to conflicting schedules she is unable to take my dad to work but my dad is lucky to have someone who can provide a ride to and from work every day. But like I said before not everyone is lucky enough to have this, many of my peers who parents don't have a valid license spend every day worried and anxious when their parents leave to work fearing that their parents might not come back home at the end of the day. It is devastating that our laws are so messed up that if someone gets pulled over for a broken tailgate light or another minor problem they can be deported solely because they are illegal and don't have access to a valid license. I personally just got my license a couple weeks ago and never really put much attention to the fact that a piece of plastic gives me the privilege to drive without fear of being arrested for driving without it. I love Oregon, and it is a great place to live but I strongly believe that saying YES to HB 2015 would benefit our state and make it safer. If HB 2015 were to be enforced it would open the door to so many opportunities, including giving licenses to those who are non-US citizens. They would be required to test their knowledge and skills like everyone else, insuring that they know what they're doing and understand the great responsibility that comes with the privilege of having a license. Of course they would also have to pay the fees needed to complete this process, which would bring in more money for the states Highway Fund. This would be a great opportunity for Oregon, don't think less of it. Help us make Oregon an even greater place to live by voting yes on HB 2015.

Sincerely,
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