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As a long time, Oregon resident, I oppose HP 2015, the so-called Equal Access to the Roads Act of 2019 which will enable the Department of Transportation to issue a noncommercial driver license, a noncommercial driver permit or an identification card to illegal aliens in Oregon.

Oregon voters overwhelmingly voted in 2014 to repeal Measure 88. The Legislature is attempting an end-around maneuver to circumvent the will of the voters on this issue.

A recent poll conducted in March of this year, by Zogby Analytics indicates that Oregon voters continue to oppose the granting of drivers licenses to illegal aliens by 63 percent to 30 percent. The polling also found that 68.4 percent of the voters believe that the Legislature “must respect the decisions made by voters through the ballot initiative process,” compared with just 18.7 percent who think the Legislature has the right to enact laws “that have been previously overturned by the voters.” In other words, Oregon voters have not changed their minds on this issue. Unfortunately, the Governor and those in the Legislature are not willing to accept the March 2014 results.

Cynthia Kendoll, President of Oregon for Immigration Reform commented recently that “The people have spoken. The Legislature and the Governor do not like what they had to say, so they are demonstrating their contempt for the people of Oregon with a blatant attempt to overrule the outcome of a democratic election. This sort of arrogance of power is the hallmark of authoritarian dictatorships, not the progressivism that Oregon likes to project to the world.”

In addition, the Legislature had decided to attach an emergency clause to HP 2015 which will eliminate any public vote on this issue. The arrogance of the Legislature has no bounds.

It’s my believe that HB 2015 is just the first step in allowing non-residents of Oregon to become Oregon voters. It’s time to stop this movement for no other reason than for the safety and well-being of all Oregon residents.

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