



April, 16, 2019

To: Joint Committee on Transportation
From: Cristian Reyes
RE: House Bill 2015: Equal Access to Roads Act

Co-Chair Senator Lee Beyer, Co-Chair Representative Caddy McKeown, and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

My name is Cristian Reyes I live in Corvallis, OR and I urge you to support HB 2015.

The ability to drive legally is a need for many Oregon families; as people take their kids to school, commute to work or school, and take care of family and neighbors need. Requiring all drivers, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, to pass a written safety exam and driver's test and provide proof of identity and insurance makes Oregon roads and communities safer for everyone. Also, consider the economic growth that would follow; there would be more people purchasing car insurance, paying the fees at the DMV, paying local business to service their vehicle, and even people themselves purchasing automobiles. The list of contribution is endless; however, this is just one factor to consider.

Also consider this, being unable to access a license to drive puts many immigrants without legal status in an impossible position: either choose to drive without a license and risk arrest and deportation or choose not to drive and be unable to provide for their family. Oregonians shouldn't have to live in fear of being deported or worry about their families being torn apart simply because they are taking their kids to school, going to work, or taking care of their family or neighbors. Oregon has had a history of rejecting underrepresented communities, don't let it continue. Help Oregon continue its humanitarian strides, and become the leader our country need.

HB 2015 upholds Oregon values of fairness, looking out for our neighbors, and treating others as we would want to be treated. In Oregon, we believe in welcoming others, including those who may seem different, and building those bridges of understanding.

This is why I support HB 2015 and encourage this committee to pass it. Please remember my story when voting on this bill. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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