

April 16, 2019

To: Joint Committee on Transportation
From: Eric Gold
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 Eric Gold. I live in Portland. Please support HB 2015.

In a national climate of increasing hostility to immigrants, we have to ensure that Oregon is different.

People are going to drive whether they have licenses or not. Our society and our state, for better or for worse, are simply organized in a way that makes it impractical, unsafe, or even outright impossible for most people to do otherwise.

Requiring all drivers, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, to pass the written and road tests, is safer and fairer for everyone.

Immigrants (like my great-grandparents) face incredible hardships when starting their lives again in a new country. We shouldn't put them in the impossible position of having to risk deportation just to provide for their families and live ordinary lives.

Please pass HB 2015, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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