



April 17, 2019

To: Joint Committee on Transportation
From: Kasandra Griffin, Community cycling center
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,

The Community Cycling Center is a transportation justice organization based in Portland, Oregon. This year, we are celebrating our 25th anniversary of broadening access to bicycling. We believe that bicycles are good for people, good for communities, and good for the planet. More importantly, though, we believe that transportation is critical for people to live healthy, happy, engaged lives, and to participate fully in their community socially and economically. We believe that access to bicycles is one solution, but we believe that people need access to a full range of *other* transportation options, as well.

We are enthusiastic in our support for House Bill 2015, the Equal Access to Roads Act, which will make transportation in Oregon safer and more equitable for all.

By having ALL drivers take written and in-person driving tests, this bill will make our roads safer for vulnerable road users like cyclists and pedestrians, as well as for other drivers.

By increasing the number of people who can legally and confidently travel to their jobs, their schools, and their social and community engagements, we will strengthen our communities.

Most importantly, this bill will make life better for thousands of Oregonians who work hard and contribute to our state, our economy, and our communities.

Please pass this good bill.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service.

Sincerely,

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