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**TO:** House Judiciary Committee

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**SUBJECT:** House Bill 3176

On behalf of the Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII, I am providing written testimony in opposition of House Bill 3176. House Bill 3176 will shorten the required period of time a person must wait before petitioning the court then applying to the Department of Transportation to restore their driving privileges after a life time revocation.

Passing this bill would reverse laws that were established by the Oregon Legislature in 2003 and 2009 when law makers were concerned about the dangerous drivers convicted of multiple DUII's and other serious crimes driving on our roadways. Many of these drivers who have received a life time revocation (10 year revocation) are multiple DUII offenders who recklessly drove drunk or under the influence of drugs without regard for the safety of others. These drivers were deemed to be high risk, repeat offenders that posed a serious threat to the safety of themselves and others using Oregon's roadways.

Shortening the waiting period for dangerous offenders described in ORS 809.235 from 10 years to 5 years is a step in the wrong direction. It is our opinion that such a change in the law would send an incorrect message to the citizens of Oregon that being a multiple repeat DUII offender or a person committing a felony with a motor vehicle is not all that serious.

Many states have actually taken a stronger approach to this very same problem and have mandated lifetime revocations for multiple DUI offenders. Changing from 10 years to 5 years goes against the norm throughout the country and would weaken our current DUII system and put serious offenders behind the wheel much too soon.

The Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII opposes this bill and urges the committee to not consider the change from 10 years to 5 years.

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