

April 10, 2013

TO: Senate Business and Transportation Committee

Dear Sen. Lee Beyer, Sen. Bruce Staff, Sen. Chris Edwards, Sen. Fred Girod, Sen. Rod Monroe, and Sen. Chuck Thomsen

I am writing to you in support of the passage of Senate Bill 833. This bill is urgently needed and I plead with you to do everything in your power to make sure this happens. I live in Hood River and am deeply concerned about the very difficult decisions many in our community will need to make if their current driver's license expires before this bill passes. This is a community where people need to be able to drive legally – to work and school, to doctor's offices and pharmacies, to grocery stores, to church – to name a few.

If this bill does not pass, our communities will be less safe since people will have no choice in touch situations but to drive without driver's licenses and without insurance. This bill does not "give" anything to our undocumented immigrants other than the opportunity to drive legally and safely – with a driver's license and car insurance. Passing this bill will enhance public safety and reduce the number of unlicensed and uninsured motorists.

I thank you for your support on this very important for all residents in Oregon.

Gratefully,

Ruth Tsu
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