

April 10, 2013

Dear Senate Business and Transportation Committee: Chair Sen. Lee Beyer, Vice-Chair Sen. Bruce Starr and Members Sen. Chris Edwards, Sen. Fred Girod, Sen. Rod Monroe, and Sen. Chuck Thomsen,

The Oregon Latino Agenda for Action (OLAA) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) that works to build the political capacity and civic leadership of Latinos in Oregon. Biannually, we host a statewide summit where Latinos work on identifying and setting priorities for our community. The need for public safety has been identified as a priority for many years and for this reason, OLAA supports the passing of SB 833.

OLAA believes that it is important to provide all community members residing in Oregon the opportunities to live and travel safely throughout the state. We believe that providing a driver license or short term permit to applicants who do not provide proof of legal presence in the U.S., but otherwise have fulfilled applicable rules and requests and can demonstrate that they have resided in Oregon for at least one year, is the appropriate measure to assure public safety for all Oregonians.

OLAA supports SB 833 and encourages the Senate to vote its passing. Through this measure, we can help create safer communities in our great state.

Saludos,

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