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**TO:** Human Services Committee/ Ways & Means

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**SUBJECT:** House Bill 2117A - **SUPPORT**

**Thank you Co-Chair Bates, Co-Chair Nathanson and members of the committee** for allowing Mothers Against Drunk Driving the opportunity to testify in support of legislation that will help stop impaired driving and fix loopholes in Oregon's drunk driving law.

MADD supports the use of ignition interlocks for convicted drunk drivers as these devices are one of the most effective measures available in stopping impaired driving. Oregon has an all-offender ignition interlock law, and these devices are required for all convicted drunk drivers, and including those entering diversion agreements. However, a loophole exists where offenders ordered to get an interlock can wait out their interlock period and then apply for unrestricted driving privileges. HB 2117A would fix this loophole and MADD urges this committee to pass this legislation.

With an ignition interlock, offenders are still able to go to work, school, the grocery store, or anywhere else they want to go, without endangering the rest of us. They just can't drive while they are drunk. In addition, studies show that interlocks reduce repeat offenses by 67 percent compared to offenders sentenced to license suspension.

In conclusion, MADD urges this Committee to advance HB 2117A, it makes no sense to have a life saving law on the books and then let the offenders out through a loophole.

MADD also supports raising the fee for Alcohol and Drug evaluators to \$275 and establishing an Ignition Interlock Device Management Fund, with ODOT oversight authority for the devices, their installation and monitoring of IIDs.

Crime Victims United & Oregon Anti-crime Alliance also supports this bill. Please support HB 2117A.