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Dear Frank:

The purpose of this letter is to announce my strong support for SB 833 (Short Term Driver Licenses for Oregon residents).

I view SB 833 as clearly within the best interests of public safety based upon my many years of law enforcement experience. I have served 20 years in the state of Oregon as a police chief in both Astoria and Hillsboro police departments. I have been involved a total of 33 years as an active member of the law enforcement community.

Wherever I go within my community, one of the most common complaints expressed is the multitude of unlicensed and uninsured drivers on our roadways. These unlicensed and uninsured drivers lack the benefits of a skills test for the privilege of driving and, without insurance, they are an economic liability for everyone driving on the road with them.

When we in government have an opportunity to reduce the many unlicensed and uninsured drivers, then we need to take the bold step to ensure the safety of the citizens of Oregon and contain costs as well.

SB 833 will provide the opportunity for our fellow residents to take the written and driving skills tests to prove their competence as operators of motor vehicles. I support the enhancement of public safety articulated in this legislative bill that provides a privilege for unlicensed and uninsured drivers to become more responsible while driving and living in our state.

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