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To: Oregon Senate Business & Transportation Committee 4/11/13
Re: SB 833, please distribute to committee members Important
From: Francisco Paco Maribona, General Agent, CSA

I am an independent insurance agency owner in Oregon, for 30 years. I respectfully want to share my views on the bill, and why it is vital to have all people who drive our roads be fully aware of the rules, have studied and passed the tests, & have adequate insurance.

This is, at a minimum a critical public safety issue, a business, free trade, & globalization issue that can no longer be ignored. All drivers, alien or not, need to be licensed by DMV and immigration status has nothing at all to do with the ability to drive safely in Oregon. In fact, with all due respect, Immigration is a federal not a state issue. When American citizens travel, we expect to be able to drive in any country we visit or work. Other Citizens deserve no less. Money, jobs, and transportation flow freely between countries without regard to whether the drivers are citizens or not, like birds & commerce migrates.

The issue of so called "illegals" is a red herring and very repugnant to me as a Hispanic American US citizen: it is like the N word to blacks; *no person is illegal*. Our white ancestors from Europe came, occupied, and took the land of the native Americans & Mexicans who were already here and brought them malaria, small pox, and other deceases that decimated native peoples; *our European ancestors were not documented*. The only "illegals" now are those who are made to drive without licenses & insurance due to our current discriminatory DMV laws. SB 833 is a step towards correcting this. We Oregonians pride ourselves with equal treatment under our constitution & laws.

I'd be happy to discuss any questions you may have about this important public policy issue. It is incumbent that it be corrected as soon as possible. INS is where immigrants Get ID cards, visas and job permits, Not DMV. Oregon does not have the standing to be INS or ICE; we do have the right to insure safety on our roads, & transportation flows That benefits all Oregonians, visitors, and our economy. Please advise me SB 833.

Sincerely,

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