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Senator Lee Beyer
Chair, Senate Committee on Business and Transportation
900 Court Street, NE, S-419
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Beyer and Members of the Senate Committee on Business and Transportation:

Every licensed driver operating a motor vehicle on Oregon roads has the right to know that all the other drivers sharing those roads are licensed and carry automobile insurance.

Mandating and establishing a licensing process for all drivers, irrespective of their citizenship status, is the absolute responsibility of every state. This means that citizens, documented immigrants and undocumented immigrants will be required to pass the same driving tests required for licensure and to purchase insurance.

The decision to enact legislation that will implement this important obligation must be based on no other consideration than providing for the safety and welfare of those who travel Oregon roads.

SB 833 sets forth the means for the State of Oregon to implement this essential requirement. As the retired Yamhill County Sheriff, and a law enforcement officer of 30 years, I absolutely support passage of this measure.

I urge our legislature to consider this measure solely in light of its positive affect on highway safety for Oregon drivers and those who come to visit our state. I urge that they not confuse issues of citizenship with those of traffic safety. SB 883 is an unparalleled opportunity to improve highway safety. Nothing more. Nothing less.

Pass SB 883.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Lee Vasquez, Retired

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