



Good after-noon Ladies and Gentlemen. Mr. Chairman Baker and Honorable members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Margaret Kiluwe, I am from the Marshall Islands which is also part Micronesia. I am one of the Board Members and the treasurer for the Micronesian Islanders Community here in the State of Oregon. I am here on behalf of the Oregon Marshallese Community. Thanks to the OMC President David Anitok and his fellow Officers for appointing me to be here today.

Firstly, I would like to thank our Heavenly Father for this wonderful opportunity. Secondly, I would like to recognize APANO and MIC for their help and support with this concern regarding the limited term of the Oregon driver's license and ID card. Also, I would like to thank Mr. Lloyd Henion and Mr. Wayne Baum for all their exhausting efforts and tremendous energy and time that they spent helping the Pacific Islanders, especially the people from the Marshall Islands here in the State of Oregon.

The Marshallese people here in the State of Oregon are effected by the one year limited term of the Oregon driver's license or the ID card in so many ways, but here are just a few concerns.

1. It's hard to get hire for a job; Why? Because the employer preferred somebody or some one who is going to work for longer than a duration of one year.
2. It's hard to find a rental or a place to lease and stay: Why? Because the landlord or the manager must rather have a tenant who would occupy the rental longer than a duration of one year.
3. It's hard to get a personal and a student loan: Why? Because to make it more affordable to pay it back the payment plan seems to be longer than one year duration.

In all honesty, Ladies and Gentlemen and the Honorable members of the Judiciary committee, all contracts, agreements and payment plans seems to have longer term plan than a limited 1 year term. Banks, lenders, contractors and employers has been questioning why the 1 year term on the drivers license or the ID card? Regardless of the genuine response, which is, "That's the new law for us foreigners here in the State of Oregon." Our applications get denied because banks, lenders, contractors and employers assume any foreigners with the 1 year drivers license and ID card and such will leave the country within the 1 year limited term and not fulfill the payment agreement should it last longer than a year.

The Compact of Free Association, which is an agreement between the US Government and the Marshall Islands Government: Public Law 108-188 Article IV, Title IV "Immigration" stating that Marshallese people can come to the United States and work, live, and seek better education and so forth indefinitely and not in "Limited Term".

Today, we humbly came together as we are going to live among each other here in this beautiful State of Oregon, in hope that we can resolve this issue.

Again, in respect to everyone gather here today, thank you for listening