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To: Sen Bates

Subject: Driver's License for Active Duty Military Out-of-State

Dear Senator Bates,

I spoke with Jason Atkinson last week, and he suggested that I get in touch with you. My husband is having difficulty getting his driver's license renewed. He is currently an active duty fighter pilot and has been in the Navy for 14 years. During that time we have maintained our Oregon residency, voted in Oregon and had Oregon driver's licenses.

Several years ago when my husband needed to renew his license and was stationed in another state, the DMV issued him a license "Valid Without Photo ID." His driver's license needs to be renewed again this year; his birthday is 19 Oct. The DMV is saying they no longer offer licenses valid without photo id unless there are facial deformities or religious beliefs against photos. They have also told us that his only picture in their system is too old to be valid.

I understand there are new laws in place that preclude the DMV from issuing him a new license. It is hard for me to understand why there is no military clause that provides our active-duty service members with Oregon as their "home of record" state a means of obtaining a current driver's license. It is not against the law for my husband as an active-duty service member to drive with an expired license. However, the DMV says they wish him not to do so and only offered him the option of getting a license in another state. This is a hassle for my husband especially considering we currently live in California, are moving to Colorado in December and will move again less then 2 years later (and these are only the moves we currently know of). In addition, my husband is on sea duty and getting ready to start work-ups. As the operations officers of his squadron, time to sit at the CA DMV during business hours is not easily available.

As Oregon voters, we hope that you will take the time to consider this and help in any way you might see appropriate-not only for my husband but all other active-duty service members that find themselves in a similar situation. Thank you for your time and any help you can offer!

Most Sincerely,

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