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TO: Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Chuck Hayes, GAC-DUII Chair

SUBJECT: Support for SB498

Chair Prozanski and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for putting forward Senate Bill 498 as a technical fix to Oregon's impaired driving statutes relating to the installation of ignition interlock devices and the reinstatement of driving privileges. It is the understanding of the GAC-DUII that amendments have been drafted to eliminate potential conflicts in the statutes, with the collaboration of the DOJ and DMV to preserve both the intent and effect of the bill.

The GAC-DUII strongly supports the use of ignition interlock devices as a tool to reduce impaired driving in Oregon, especially when used in conjunction with substance abuse treatment, and diligently monitored for violations. Ignition interlock devices provide an immediate level of public safety on the roadway and any improvements that can be made to the statutes governing their use are an investment well worth the effort.

Thank you for your attention and action in this matter. The GAC-DUII appreciates the effort that has gone into the strengthening of the DUII statutes and the willingness of the Senate Judiciary Committee to seek solutions for the safety of all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

Chuck Hayes
Chair
Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII