

May 12, 2017

Joint Ways And Means Committee

900 Court Street NE

Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Committee Members,

The Coalition of Ignition Interlock Manufacturers would like to urge you to consider and pass to the floor House Bill 2638. This bill is a comprehensive regulatory reform initiative for the Oregon ignition interlock program. It takes the best practices approach and replicates proven strategies taken from other states. In the case of HB 2638, most of the provisions of this bill derive from the extremely successful program in your neighbor to the North, Washington.

Oregon, like most states, created their interlock program piecemeal over many years and the result was a relatively weak structure with very little oversight of interlock providers. It is CIIM's position that strict oversight is desirable to make sure that all providers are executing the program in accordance with best practices in full compliance with the statute and rules. HB 2638 will do this by upgrading the technology required for use in Oregon, put teeth into enforcement provisions, and put the Department of State Police in the role of enforcing provider compliance. These changes are long overdue in Oregon and we would urge you to move this legislation quickly.

Sincerely,

David Kelly, Executive Director

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