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TO: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Transportation and  
Economic Development  
FROM: Cate Duke,  
Board Member, MADD Lane County Chapter  
Vice Chair, Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII  
RE: **HOUSE BILL 2638 - 5 Amendment: Oppose**

Co-Chairs Johnson and Gomberg, and Members of the Committee:

House Bill 2638 is a bill that is crucial to the ongoing effort to strengthen Oregon's DUII laws and to reduce DUII recidivism. MADD supports this effort, but we are adamantly opposed to the -5 amendment. This amendment would allow felony DUII offenders with lifetime license revocations to petition the court to have their driving privileges reinstated after five years. These offenders are the absolute worst of DUII offenders. They have been convicted of driving impaired four or more times in a ten year period of time. These offenders have been through multiple treatment programs by this point, yet continue to drive impaired. They cannot, and should not be trusted to drive.

One of the requirements listed in the amendment would be for the offender to "prove" they have been rehabilitated. There is no way to "prove" rehabilitation, except through time. How many chances should a person get to prove they are no longer a danger to society? It only takes one time driving impaired to take a life. These offenders have already proven they are not willing to abide by the law by repeatedly driving impaired. MADD urges you to pass 2638 without the -5 amendment. Please protect Oregon families from repeat DUII offenders.

Thank you.