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TO: House Judiciary Committee
FROM: Cate Duke, Board Member
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RE: **HOUSE BILL 2638 – SUPPORT**

Chair Barker, and Members of the Committee:

Requiring ignition interlock devices for DUII offenders is an important step in the fight against DUII recidivism. Unfortunately, Oregon's current IID program falls short in a number of critical areas, including:

- Currently, Oregon's IID laws lack oversight to protect the public from impaired drivers. DUII offenders, in the process of adjudication and treatment, are also at risk from dishonest vendors and installers that take advantage of them due to nonexistence of standards or accountability.
- Oregon is considering several laws that eliminate suspensions and streamline hardship permits, recognizing that the value to public safety isn't what it could be. This makes it crucially important to improve the IID oversight component. Without it, we would be granting driving privileges to DUII offenders when there isn't any oversight or accountability that maintains the public safety aspect.
- Oregon's IID compliance rate is abysmal...about 35% of offenders actually install an IID on their vehicles. While that means that 65% of DUII offenders aren't installing the required IID on their vehicles, they are also making their treatment program less effective since the IID is supposed to work in conjunction with treatment as an offender overcomes substance abuse issues. The IID isn't just a public safety tool deployed only in the vehicle to prevent impaired driving. Without this oversight, we aren't maximizing the effectiveness.
- IID vendors and manufacturers support industry regulation and standards. It curtails dishonesty and levels the playing field for all providers who would all be required to meet minimum qualifications, as well as required levels of customer support and service.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving firmly supports improving the IID program through better oversight and regulation strongly favors HB 2638.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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