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From the desk of:
Jeff Baker

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RE: HB 4111A

Dear Oregon Representatives,

Causa and our partners SEIU, Oregon Association of Nurseries, and the Oregon Farm Bureau support HB 4111A, allowing Differed Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders who currently have an Oregon driver license to renew and replace that license.

HB 4111A would allow the DMV to renew and replace a limited term (2 year) driver's license for DACA and TPS recipients whose legal status has expired due to constructive changes in immigration law by the federal administration. DACA and TPS holders have demonstrated good faith when each applicant applied for relief from the federal government. Each applicant went through a rigorous and extensive screening process tracking a person's identity by fingerprinting and a thorough background check conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Some DACA and TPS applicants' legal protection will lapse due to constructive changes in immigration policy. Passage of any federal legislation remains uncertain because Congress is still to act on this issue. As a result, the federal government has left thousands of Oregonians in limbo. There are 11,000 DACA recipients and nearly 1,000 TPS holders here in Oregon. We should allow these Oregonians the ability to continue to carrying out their daily lives, whether that's driving to school, going to the grocery store, or taking their children to a doctor's appointment.

HB 4111A maintains driving privileges for Oregon's DACA recipients and TPS holders by permitting a person to use expired documentation to renew or replace a driver's license. This bill gives DACA and TPS a degree of certainty at a time when so much of federal immigration policy remains uncertain. This bill passed the Senate yesterday with bipartisan support.

I urge a "yes" vote on this bill.

Sincerely,

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