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Interfaith Movement
for Immigrant Justice

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To: Joint Committee on Transportation
From: Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice
RE: House Bill 2015: Equal Access to Roads Act

Co-Chair Senator Lee Beyer, Co-Chair Representative Caddy McKeown, and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

The Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIrJ) accompanies and equips communities of faith as they live out their faith working for immigrant justice. IMIrJ is in relationship with over 140 faith communities throughout Oregon. We urge your support for HB 2015 because it upholds our values of inclusion and equality, and it makes all Oregonians safer.

HB 2015 allows all Oregon residents who pass written and driving tests, pay the fees, and provide proof of identity and residency to receive a standard driver license. Members of our Oregon communities should be able to drive to their places of worship, get their kids to school, go to work, and take care of their family and neighbors without fear that a traffic stop will lead to their deportation. We are thankful that HB 2015 will move us closer to ensuring that Oregon policies live up to our faithful values of caring for one another.

Oregonians are ready for this policy. One of our leaders in Corvallis recently reflected, "Everyone who chooses to work here in America and help their community thrive deserves a safe place to call home." Requiring all drivers, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, to pass a written safety exam and driver's test makes all Oregonians safer. It ensures that people behind the wheel have passed the same safety test and it allows people to rest assured that a traffic stop won't result in their families being separated.

IMIrJ supports HB 2015 because it reflects our values and we encourage this committee to pass it. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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