

April 12, 2019

To: Joint Committee on Transportation
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,

My name is Antonia Hidalgo I am 28 years old. My parents are immigrants without legal status. I have three brothers and one sister. My family and I have lived in Oregon, Deschutes County for 26 years. In 2008 when the law was changed, many of my family members lost their driver's license. During 2011, my father's driver's license expired, so I had to provide him transportation, as well take brothers to doctor appointment, school, school events and more while my parents worked. I was a full-time student at a community college during my 2nd year. I had to take some time off to take care of my siblings one with autism. No one should have to sacrifice their education to help with transportation. Living in a rural area makes transportation very difficult for immigrant families. It also creates fear in children with undocumented parents. They are afraid their parents could be pulled over by police and never come back. As young children, my siblings and I also felt that way. HB 2015 makes our road unsafe. I urge you to pass this bill to make our communities safe and eliminate fear with the Equal Access to Roads Act.

Sincerely,

Antonia Hidalgo