

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Carlos Ramirez and I reside in Medford Oregon. I arrived to the United States on August 22 looking for a better life. From then until today I have lived in this state. At that time we had access to apply for driver's licenses which was a great help to our lives. Everything changed dramatically when by political ideologies, they were canceled making our lives much more difficult as a parent. My life changed in a big way when my second daughter was born at 7 months as a premature girl. She was born with a weight of less than two pounds.

Honorable legislators, being born the size like the palm of your hands, my daughter spent 5 hours here in the Medford hospital and was transported by helicopter to the city of Portland not having a very encouraging life forecast since my daughter was between life and death having a problem in her stomach because her small intestine was bent making it difficult to feed and her left ear was not formed properly and she also had problems in her spine, liver, and heart. I've seen my daughter require visits to more than 11 specialists for all her medical complications and has had two surgeries to be able to rebuild her intestine. My daughter was hospitalized for 4 months in the Portland hospital which for me was like four years.

Honorable legislators, the truth is that if you knew the fear that exists to drive from Medford to Portland and know that you do not have a driver's license but the worries of knowing that my daughter is hospitalized, my wife and my 4 year-old daughter stayed in Portland as I traveled every Friday returning every Sunday to be able to work having that fear so great that could happen on the way.

Now, honorable legislators, I know that many of you may be parents and with your hand on your heart I ask you what would you do in this case, would you leave your child abandoned, that is why today I share my case as I suffered in my own flesh. We have many who are suffering greatly for not having access to a license to drive unrestrictedly for this state. That is why in your hands you have the power to change the lives of so many people who are workers and parents who just want to get ahead and give them a life better to our families

Sincerely,

Carlos Ramirez

Estimado Comite Combinada de Transportacion:

Yo llegue a estados unidos 22 de agosto buscando una vida mejor desde ese entonces hasta la fecha e vivido en este estado en ese entonces teniamos licencias de conducir las cuales eran una gran ayuda para nuestras vidas todo cambio granade mente cuando por ideologias politicas las mismas fueron canceladas haciendo nuestras vidas mucho mas dificiles como padre de familia mi vida cambio y grande mente cuando mi segunda hija nacio a los 7 meses siendo una niña prematura teniendo un peso de 980 gramos menos de dos libras

Señores teniendo un tamaño como la palma de sus manos mi hija estuvo 5 horas aca en el hospital de medford y fue transportada en helicoptero hacia la ciudad de portland no teniendo un pronostico de vida muy alentador ya que mi hija estava entre la vida y la muerte teniendo un problema en su estomago ya que un intestino ,estava doblado dificultando su alimentacion una oreja del lado izquierdo no se formo tambien teniendo problemas en su espina dorsal higado corazon vista mi hija ocupo mas de 11 especialistas por todas sus complicaciones teniendo dos cirugias para poder reconstruir su intestino mi hija estuvo hospitalizada por 4 meses en el hospital de portland los cuales para mi fueron como cuatro años.

Ahora señores la verdad si supieran el miedo que es manejar de medford a portland y saber que no cuentas con una licencia de conducir mas las preocupaciones del saber que mi hija esta hospitalizada mi esposa y mi hija mas grande de 4 años se quedaron en portland y yo viajaba cada viernes regresando cada domingo para poder trabajar teniendo ese temor tan grande que podria pasar en el camino.

Ahora señores legisladores yo. se que ustedes muchos pueden ser padres de familia y con la mano en el corazon les pregunto que harian ustedes en este caso dejarian a su hijo abandonado es por eso que hoy les espongo mi caso asi como yo e sufrido en carne propia havemos muchos que estamos sufriendo y grande mente por no tener el derecho de poder conducir libremente por este estado es por eso que en sus manos esta en cambiar la vida de tantas personas que somos trabajadores y padres de familia que solo queremos salir adelante y darles una vida mejor a nuestras familias

Sinceremente,

Carlos Ramirez