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Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Suite 140A
Salem, OR 97301

ATTN: Oregon Joint Transportation Committee,

I am writing to you to voice my support for HB2015 and ask that you support the passage of this important piece of legislation as well.

As a Native Oregonian, born in Lakeview, Oregon, a community full of American spirit and often conservative values, I can say that creating a driver's license option for all people living in Oregon makes good safety sense. Getting a license involves learning the rules of the road and passing a basic driver's test. Why wouldn't we want that?

I attended OSU, got an engineering degree and then had a wonderful career at Intel in Hillsboro. Recently retired, I have gotten involved in supporting the Washington County community much of whom are Latino. In getting to know our Latino community members, I have come to see and experience how hard working, family focused, and community oriented they are. For some people a driver's license is currently not an option and it creates an incredible hardship for their families. Moms are not able to transport their kids to school, medical appointments, or after-school activities. These kids are at risk of missing out and trending behind their peers. Others have their ability to be employed impacted by not having a license, limiting their economic opportunities. Sometimes, out of desperation, people drive without having been tested and granted a license. The list goes on and on.

While we'd all like to see the issues around immigration magically solved at the Federal level, that's not going to happen any time soon. In the meantime, what we can do, as caring Oregonians, is to care for everyone in our community and provide **"Drivers Licenses for All"** that will help our communities thrive economically and be safer.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda K. Williams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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