Dear Senator Beyer, Representative McKeown and others on the Joint Committee on Transportation.

As a member of the Eugene Quaker Friends Meeting I believe I share the sentiment of my faith tradition in asking you to support HB 2015.

Quakers have a long-standing commitment to equality. The right to safe travel needs to be extended to all people in our state, whether or not they have been granted the formal designation of US citizen.

Though my parents and I were born in this country, my grandparents and great-grandparents were immigrants from Europe. Soon after moving here they were able to get their licenses without the risk of getting arrested for driving to work, school and shopping for necessities. My ancestors were thus able to live free of the threat of deportation. The principle of fairness requires us to provide the same right to legal driving for the new people living in our state today.

For these reasons, including basic compassion for all people, I implore you to vote yes on HB 2015, and to encourage your colleagues to do the same.

Thank you for your good service for the people of Oregon.

Warmly, Lisa-Marie DiVincent

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