



**GLAD of Lane County**

GRUPO LATINO DE ACCION DIRECTA



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To: Joint Committee on Transportation

From: **Group De Accion Directa del Condado de Lane County (GLAD)**

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,

On behalf of GLAD we are asking that you please support HB 2015. For many years we have seen the impact in our work with the Latinx community and many others of not having access to a license to drive.

Families everywhere on a daily basis are impacted because they are not able to drive. Take a moment and think about what it would be like if you could not, when needed take your kids to school, to the doctor or commute to work or take care of your family and neighbors in need.

Excluding Oregonians from the ability to get a driver license because of their citizenship or immigration status puts our neighbors at risk and makes it harder for them to care for themselves and build a better life for their families and does nothing to solve the problems with our immigration system.

We believe that House Bill 2015 would make our communities and roads safer. Requiring all drivers, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, to pass a written safety exam and driver's test and provide proof of identity and insurance makes Oregon roads and communities safer for everyone.

We know that 13 other states have laws similar to House Bill 2015 and that traffic accidents and hit-and-run incidents have decreased and the number of insured driver rates have increased significantly.

The impact on the daily lives for many Oregon families would greatly improve with the passing of this bill. We urge and encourage this committee to pass it and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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