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Dear Co-Chairs McKeown & Beyer and members

Joint Committee on Transportation:

**Re: HB 2015**

I will point out what all of you already know:

**HB 2015 is a direct and flagrant violation of the voters' overwhelming verdict (via Measure 88 in 2014) the last time the Legislature tried to give driver licenses to illegal aliens who have no right to even be here. It is a brazen nose thumb at the people you were elected to represent: OREGONIANS, not foreign nationals!**

This legislation is part of an ongoing and continuing parade of bills that – intentionally or not – lure more illegal aliens to Oregon who will need government services when we can't even take care of our existing homeless OREGONIANS.

The ethical and responsible way to approach this would have been as a resolution to put before the voters. I'd have had no problem at all with that. But instead, it's pretty clear that you intend to ram it through the process, the voters be damned, just as was done with SB 833 in 2013. **A lot of Democrats voted "NO!" on M88.**

Maybe the voters' attitude has changed. That's a possibility given the results of M105 last year. But I don't know that and neither do you. I'll also point out that the "safer roads" argument was debunked by the Oregon DMV during the M88 campaign.

I've dealt with legislative issues for 2+ decades so am well aware of how this game is played. I told people right after the November election that you were going to do this and attach a bogus "emergency" clause to prevent another referendum.

This is shameful – an affront to our democratic process!

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