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Dear Committee Member,

I am vehemently opposed to HB 2015 that eliminates the requirement for proof of citizenship to obtain a driver's license and declaring an emergency.

In 2014 the citizens of Oregon defeated the law passed by the legislature to allow drivers licenses to be issued to persons who cannot prove they are in the country legally. A referendum was initiated by the people of this state to overturn the action of the legislature. The vote was a 2 to 1 margin to overturn the legislature. Now five years later we are faced with the same issue. As a citizen of this state for 40 years I was required to present a copy of my birth certificate and other documents to prove that I am a United States Citizen and state resident in order to renew my driver's license. To offer a driver's license to someone that cannot prove to be a US citizen is a back door defeat of the identification required to fly on commercial aircraft that was a result of the 9-11 attack on our nation. Oregon has delayed coming into compliance with the US Identification requirements through a series of waivers. Oregon is now one of the last ten states to come into compliance with federal law. The adoption of HB 2015 shows that there is or was never any intent to comply with the federal requirements that are designed to keep this county safe.

I do not see any basis to conclude that the citizens of Oregon would be any safer with the passage of this bill. The streets and highways would not be any safer and the issuance of an Oregon Driver's License would only be a magnet to attract more people that cannot prove that they are in this county legally and that they are currently ignoring our laws.

Further, I see no compelling reason to declare this bill to be an emergency as this situation of not issuing drivers licenses to undocumented persons has been the law of this state until the legislature tried to pass this measure before only to be contradicted by the citizens of this state. I see the emergency clause as an attempt to make it harder to pass another referendum to stop this bill.

I strongly insist that you vote no on this bill and respect the will of the people of this state and protect the safety of the state and our nation.

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