



RE: HB 2015

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Co-Chairs Beyer & McKeown and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation:

My name is Peter Hainley and I am Executive Director of CASA of Oregon. CASA is a nonprofit community development organization that works throughout Oregon to support thriving communities. We work with local nonprofits, housing authorities, governments and communities to help meet the needs of families, farmworkers, seniors and the disabled. For thirty years, we have helped agricultural employers and their employees have safe, decent and affordable housing.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 2015: Equal Access to Roads Act. CASA of Oregon supports the granting of driver's licenses to all Oregon residents regardless of citizenship status.

In many parts of the state, it is impractical if not impossible, to get to work without access to a vehicle, particularly in the agricultural sector with its more than 300,000 jobs (and \$50 billion contribution to the state's economy). Agricultural employers put themselves at risk if they are unable to hire employees who are able to drive legally.

We urge you to support HB 2015. Thank you for your time and consideration.