

April 17, 2019

To: Joint Committee on Transportation
From: Steve Daggett
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,

My name is Steve Daggett, I live in NE Portland, and I urge you to support HB 2015.

My understanding is that HB 2015 would expand eligibility for a standard (Class C) driver license to all Oregon residents regardless of citizenship status. Any Oregon resident would be able to get a standard driver's license after passing written and driving tests, paying the fees, and providing proof of identity and residency.

Many Oregon families must drive for work, to transport children to school, to get to medical and personal appointments, and to help friends and neighbors. Supporting access to a standard driver license for all Oregon residents who have completed the requirements keeps all of us safer by making sure that everyone on the road is a licensed driver. Currently, 13 states, including California and Washington, issue licenses to drive to all drivers who meet the legal, safety, insurance, identification, and residency requirements to obtain a license, regardless of immigration or citizenship status.

This is why I support HB 2015 and encourage this committee to pass it. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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