

April 17, 2019

To: Joint Committee on Transportation  
From: Rose Wilde  
RE: HB 2015, Equal Access to Roads Act

Dear Senator Beyer, Representative McKeown, and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation:

Please support the Equal Access to Roads Act. I live outside of Eugene, Oregon, and take several car trips a day to my son's school, volunteering in the community, and taking care of my family. I cannot imagine not having the right to drive on Oregon's roads simply due to my immigration status or other barriers. But my father lacks an Oregon Driver's License or ID because of the challenge and expense replacing documents required to get a state ID in Oregon. Many other elders face similar barriers.

I am also aware of a car accident a few years ago in which the 16 y.o. driver did not have a license due to his immigration status, and fear of deportation led him to attempt to flee a routine traffic stop, resulting in a fatal car accident near my home. This is just one example of how our laws prohibiting immigrants from getting a license or ID make the roads less safe.

Oregon's Equal Access to Roads bill would remove barriers for immigrant families, elders, and others without access to required documents for a REAL ID, so they could legally drive.

I hope you will support this common sense bill.

Thank you,

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