Joint Committee On Transportation:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my opposition to HB2015.

Let me start by saying I can appreciate the efforts of immigrant rights groups to help illegal aliens obtain driver licenses. I will do my best to outline my concerns as a US citizen and a Hispanic family. Many people in the world wish to come to the United States for the freedoms and benefits not afforded in other countries. As a citizen, I do not blame them for wanting to do so. However, it is unfair for people to break the law and illegally enter the United States and demand benefits or entitlements just because they feel they are entitled or feel it is "not fair" or "creating a hardship" for them.

By giving driver cards/licenses to illegal aliens (this is the correct legal term) and "Illegal" is not a race and not inflammatory but distinct. The State of Oregon is essentially providing de facto legal residency, which it does not have the authority to do so under federal law.

In providing such residency, I would argue this would be violating:

US Code Title 18.

(a) Whoever commits an <u>offense</u> against the <u>United States</u> or aids, abets, counsels, commands, induces or procures its commission, is punishable as a principal.

(b) Whoever willfully causes an act to be done which if directly performed by him or another would be an <u>offense</u> against the <u>United States</u>, is punishable as a principal.

The legal term **aiding and abetting** refers to a person's action to help, support, or approve of someone else's illegal act. In this case, the underlying illegal act would be 8 U.S.C. § 1325(a), which prohibits both attempted illegal entry and illegal entry into the United States by an alien.

I would also argue that this determination of HB 2015 an "Emergency" is solely in order to circumvent the will of the people who voted by 66% majority against such permissions. I would think an emergency would be helping an enormous homeless population in Oregon, improved services for children in Foster Care and protections for the elderly. Not being able to drive is not an emergency. There are many people who take public transportation on a daily basis and it is not unreasonable to expect people who are not legally allowed to drive to make other accommodations. People with disabilities, suspended licenses and other reasons manage to do so.

Under the **Oregon Constitution, Section 20**. **Equality of privileges and immunities of citizens**. No law should be passed granting to any citizen or class of citizens privileges, or immunities, which, upon the same terms, shall not be belong to all citizens.

I would argue that citizens of Oregon are impugned by allowing illegal immigrants an "immunity" to federal law and tax payers having burden the expense of navigating "exceptions" for violating of immigration laws.

Secondly, I am opposed to this as I am not confident that these cards would not be in voter fraud. Currently, Oregon DMV is supposed to verify the legal status of all people obtaining a license or ID. Once the information if entered into the DMV system, it can be used for the Oregon Motor Voter registration. This information would be transmitted to Elections Division and automatically register people to vote. Oregon has complex voter registration laws as you can essentially affirm online you are a citizen and enter a license or ID number.

According to the Help America Vote Verification (HAVV) <u>www.SSA.gov/open/havv</u>, since 2011, the State of Oregon has only submitted 478,656 citizenship verifications. Of those, 161,152 were NON MATCHES, 1,577 were people who are DECEASED, 30 had MULTIPLE MATCHES and 34 had MIXED MATCHES in which one of the matches the person is DECEASED. Of the total submissions ONE THIRD have come back as not valid.

Oregon has 2,782,307 registered voters and as of 12/31/2018, DMV has issued 3,194,577 licenses. It is somewhat shocking to me that since 2011, as a state, we would not cherish the sanctity of voting rights and ensure no foreign interference in our elections.

In closing, I believe everyone should be allowed the opportunity to experience the American Dream. The freedoms and protections we have in place to insure our rights and freedoms are based on law. Those desiring these same benefits should come here legally and respect citizens. This would include following proper immigration and asylum laws. We all have dreams and desires we cannot reward those who break our laws because it is not fair to them. It is what is fair to citizens.

Sincerely,

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