



April 17, 2019

To: Joint Committee on Transportation  
From: Tom Brewer, Oregon Association of Nurseries

RE: **Support** for 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 Tom Brewer, I live in Beaverton, and I urge you to support HB 2015.

For the past twenty-nine years I have been a member of the Oregon Association of Nurseries. I have worked, and my family has benefited from Oregon Agriculture my entire career...

- Driving legally in Oregon is a core everyday need for many workers and their families.
- Requiring all drivers, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, to pass a written safety exam and driver's test and provide proof of identity makes Oregon roads and communities safer for everyone and increases insured driver rates.
- HB 2015 upholds Oregon values of fairness, looking out for our neighbors, and treating others as we would want to be treated. In Oregon, we believe in welcoming others, including those who may seem different, and building those bridges of understanding.
- Being unable to access a license to drive puts many immigrants without legal status in an impossible position: either choose to drive without a license and risk arrest and deportation or choose not to drive and be unable to provide for their family
- Oregonians shouldn't have to live in fear of being deported or worry about their families being torn apart simply because they are taking their kids to school, going to work, or taking care of their family or neighbors.
- In many communities, especially in rural Oregon, it's not practical or safe for people to walk for miles on country roads just to get to and from work or take care of their families.

**This is why I support HB 2015 and encourage this committee to pass it. Please remember my story when voting on this bill. Thank you for your time.**

Sincerely,

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