

April 17, 2019

To: Joint Committee on Transportation

From: Bianetth Valdez/HomePlate Youth Services]  
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 Bianetth Valdez with HomePlate Youth Services based in Beaverton, Oregon and we urge you to support HB 2015.

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. At HomePlate, we pride ourselves in welcoming young adults who come from various backgrounds, including immigration status, and we do everything we can to support them in obtaining the resources they need to be stable. ID's/Licenses are a highly requested resource from the people we serve and we feel that the access to this resource is access to many people's access to livelihood and stability. The ability to drive legally is a core everyday need for many Oregon families as people take their kids to school, commute to work, head to their medical appointments, and take care of family and neighbors in need. 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.

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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