

April 17, 2019

To: Joint Committee on Transportation 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 Maria Erika Guevara. I have lived in the United states for 20 years. I currently live in Woodburn, I have four kids who have attended the schools in the Woodburn School District. As a parent, I understand the difficulties of other parents to be involved in their kids' education. I am an active volunteer at a Woodburn elementary school, where I help students in a wide variety of aspects from revising homework to volunteering in school field trips. I am involved in my son's education because I understand how critical it is to show support and be an active role in their education. However, not every parent who wants to volunteer is capable of doing so due to a lack of identification.

Many family members and parents wish to be involved and are not able to because they do not have a state ID or driver's license. Schools are also in need of passionate volunteers. These documents are necessary in order for a background check to be performed. As a result, parents who wish to go on field trips with their kids cannot get in a school bus or file a volunteer form. Even though my Oregon driver's license expired in 2010, I am still able to use the ID number to file forms. Yet, people who arrived after 2008 and do not have a license, do not have the opportunity to be involved in their children's education. Kids are affected because they wish their parents were engaged with school activities. Parents want to be able to feel like their kids are safe in field trips and after school activities. Additionally, when reporting accidents, it is very stressful to choose between helping someone and reporting it to 911 or looking after my own wellbeing. I recently witnessed a car accident and did not know what to expect since I do not have an Oregon driver's license. Fortunately, my impulse to help was greater than my fears but I hope that in the future, our undocumented community will have access to driver licenses.

I respectfully urge your support for HB 2015. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Maria Erika Guevara