



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

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To: Joint Committee on Transportation  
Oregon State Legislative Assembly

From: University of Oregon Dreamers Working Group

RE: In support of HB 2015

Dear Co-chair Beyer, co-chair McKeown, and members of the committee,

As faculty, staff, and students who comprise the Dreamers Working Group and the University of Oregon, we are writing in strong support of HB 2015, the Equal Access to Roads Act.

The ability to drive legally is an essential need of all members of our communities. For most members of our Oregon communities, driving is necessary for getting to work, school, medical appointments, shopping for groceries and daily essentials, and for participating in community, cultural, civic, and faith-based activities. A driver's license also provides a means of identification that is key to engaging in and contributing to the economy and that helps preserve security and safety for all. This bill would help Oregonians, many of whom have lived here for decades, to better provide for their families and facilitate the education of their children.

This bill will benefit all Oregonians. We only make our roads safer by allowing all drivers be given the opportunity to pass a safety exam and driver's test. In addition, Oregon depends on the labor and economic contributions of community members who currently are not able to obtain a driver's license. Denying access to legal means of driving adversely affects the families of those without authorization, the communities in which they reside, and the overall health of the state.

Respectfully yours,

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*On behalf of the UO Dreamers Working Group, comprised of 12 faculty, staff, and students of the University of Oregon.*

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