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Good afternoon. My name is Don Nash. I live in Lake Oswego.

I am here in opposition to SB 833.

Those in favor of 833 say it is a public safety issue – ensuring that drivers are licensed and insured, and can get to their jobs. Those are good words. Licensed, yes. Insured? I don't think so. The only mention about insurance in the DMV manual in the section relative to qualifying/applying for a driver's license is that you have to have proof of insurance for the vehicle you are using for your driving test. That's all.

Yes, Oregon law requires every driver to insure their vehicle up to certain minimum amounts. But when we borrow someone else's car, how often do we check for insurance? I would say seldom if ever. And how many insurance policies are never renewed when they lapse. And finally, 833 will help them 'get to their jobs'. So we are going to pass a law so they can get to the job they cannot legally hold.

I think that illegal's who drive now, with or without a driver's license, will continue driving. 833 will not change that. It will not make our highways any safer, and it will not reduce the problem of uninsured motorists. What 833 will do is become another magnet to attract more non-citizens to come to Oregon to obtain ID cards, often for the wrong reasons. 833 is going to reopen the problem that Gov Kulongowski closed in 2007.

We do not need more non-citizens in Oregon. The 170,000 that are here now are costing Oregonians about \$1 billion per year. Combine that cost with the over 180,000 Oregonians that are out of work – over 8% - 3rd worst among all of the states – means we need fewer non-citizens taking jobs away from Oregonians.

833 will cause more problems than it solves. It should be defeated.

Thank you.