

February 26, 2018

RE: HB 4111 dash-10 amendment

Dear Senate Committee on Business and Transportation Members,

My name is Andrea Williams, and I am the executive director of Causa, Oregon's immigrant rights' organization. Causa supports the dash-10 amendment allowing DACA and TPS holders to renew and replace their license.

This bill would allow the DMV to renew and replace a limited term (2 year) driver's license for DACA and TPS recipients whose legal status has expired due to changes by the federal administration. Passage of any federal legislation remains uncertain because Congress continues to debate immigration. Passing HB 4111 dash-10 Amendment would maintain driving privileges for Oregon's DACA recipients and TPS holders by permitting a person to use expired documentation to renew or replace a driver's license.

The federal government has left thousands of Oregonians in limbo due to changes in administrative policies. There are 11,000 DACA and nearly 1,000 TPS holders here in Oregon. We need to allow these Oregonians the ability to continue to carry out their daily lives, whether that's driving to school, going to the grocery store, or taking their children to a doctor's appointment.

This amendment gives DACA and TPS a degree of certainty at a time when so much of federal immigration policy remains uncertain. I urge the committee to adopt the dash-10 amendment because this is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,



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