

Drivers Licenses for All Oregonians

February 2019

Goals:

- Participants understand the impact of lack of driver's licenses on affected communities in Oregon
- Participants understand disproportionate impact on women of color, who do much of the care taking driving
- Understand the opposition and history of DL in Oregon
- Participants take action to support Oregon Driver's Licenses for All campaign

Content	Format	Time Allotted
1. Introduction and Overview	Presentation	5 minutes
2. Driving Quiz	Quiz and Debrief	10 minutes
3. Fight for DL in Oregon	Presentation	15 minutes
4. 2019 Campaign	Take action	5 minutes
	Total Time	35 minutes

Materials:

- Oregon Driver's License for All campaign fact sheet
- Copies of the Road to DL timeline cut up for participant to create their own timeline
- Handout: The Road to Driver's Licenses for All Oregonians
- Postcards or sample LTE
- Pens

1. Introduction and Overview**5 minutes**

If needed, do a round of participant intros: name, organization or role in the org, pronouns.

SAY: (NAME OF ORG) is part of One Oregon. One Oregon is a coalition of more than 100 organizations working together to ensure that all Oregonians, regardless of country of birth, are treated with dignity and respect.

Our goals today are to:

- Understand the impact of not having a driver's license on undocumented communities
- Look at who in our communities is most impacted by lack of driver's license
- Learn more about the opposition and history of DL fight in Oregon
- Take action to support the Equal Access to Roads Act

2. Driving: How important is it?**10 minutes**

SAY: Let's talk about driving! I want folks to do quick exercise.

ASK: Think about how many times in the past two days have you been in a car. Count up all your trips: dropping the kids off at school, getting groceries, driving to work. Let's see a show of hands –

How many people took 4 trips?

How many people took 5 trips?

How many people took 6 trips?

More than 6?

SAY: So just from the folks here, we can see that driving is huge part of our lives and really important for many of us. We're going to do a quick quiz to look at how much driving is part of our daily lives. I'm going to read you series of questions and give you some answers, let's see how many we get right!

[NOTE FOR TRAINER: Read the question and then ask for a show of hands about each option/answer]

As we start the quiz, let me share that a lot of the stats we have come from a survey of drivers in the US that is done by AAA. The options for people to share their gender in the survey are limited to women and men, but where we have information about trans and GNC folks, we will share what we've found!

1. Do men or women have more driver's licenses in the US?

Women account for 51% of all licensed drivers in the US.¹ In Oregon, we do have some data on trans and gender non-conforming Oregonians with a license or state ID. Since 2017, Oregonians can choose X as a gender marker. In the first three months of the program, more than 700 Oregonians chose a third gender on their driver's license or state issued ID card.²

2. How many trips a day does the average driver make in their car?

1 trip 2 trips 3 trips 4 trips More than 5 trips per day

On average, drivers reported making 2.2 driving trips per day, spending 51 minutes on the road and driving 31.5 miles. When we look at this by race, we find that Latinx spend the most minutes driving of all races – with an average of 57 minutes on the road.³

3. Who makes the most daily trips, women or men?

Women report taking more daily trips than men.⁴

ASK: Why do you think that is?

While studies haven't looked specifically at this question, we know that women often end up in caretaking roles that include things like going grocery shopping, picking up kids from school, taking a family member to a doctor's appointment, or picking up a prescription. Many of these care giving tasks require getting in a car.

4. True or False: Since 2016, deportations due to traffic violations have increased by 100% False. They have increased by 138%.⁵ The Trump administration has stated that virtually all illegal immigration cases are an enforcement priority, and this Administration makes no distinction between people who threaten public safety or those who are here because our immigration system is broken.

So here's what our quiz shows us:

- The ability to drive is a core everyday need for Oregon families to take their kids to school, get to work, and take care of friends and family.
- On average, women are taking more trips than men per day in the car. Lack of access to a driver's license puts women more at risk for contact with the police because they are in the car the more often.
- Being unable to produce a driver license during a traffic stop is increasingly leading immigrants, who otherwise have no criminal records, to be flagged for deportation. Families all over the country are being torn apart.

In the end, being unable to access a license to drive puts many immigrants without legal status in an impossible position: either choose to drive without a license and risk arrest and deportation or choose not to drive and be unable to provide for themselves and their family.

¹ Total number of licensed drivers in the US in 2016, by Gender. [Statista.com](https://www.statista.com)

² [700+ Oregonians choose third gender on ID Cards](#). By Shuly Wasserstrom. KOIN 6 News. November 6, 2017

³ [American Driving Survey, 2015-2016](#). AAA Foundation, January 2018.

⁴ [American Driving Survey, 2015-2016](#). AAA Foundation, January 2018.

⁵ [Deportations of traffic offenders skyrocketed under Trump, study says](#). Sean Collins Walsch. Atlanta Journal Constitution. April 27, 2018

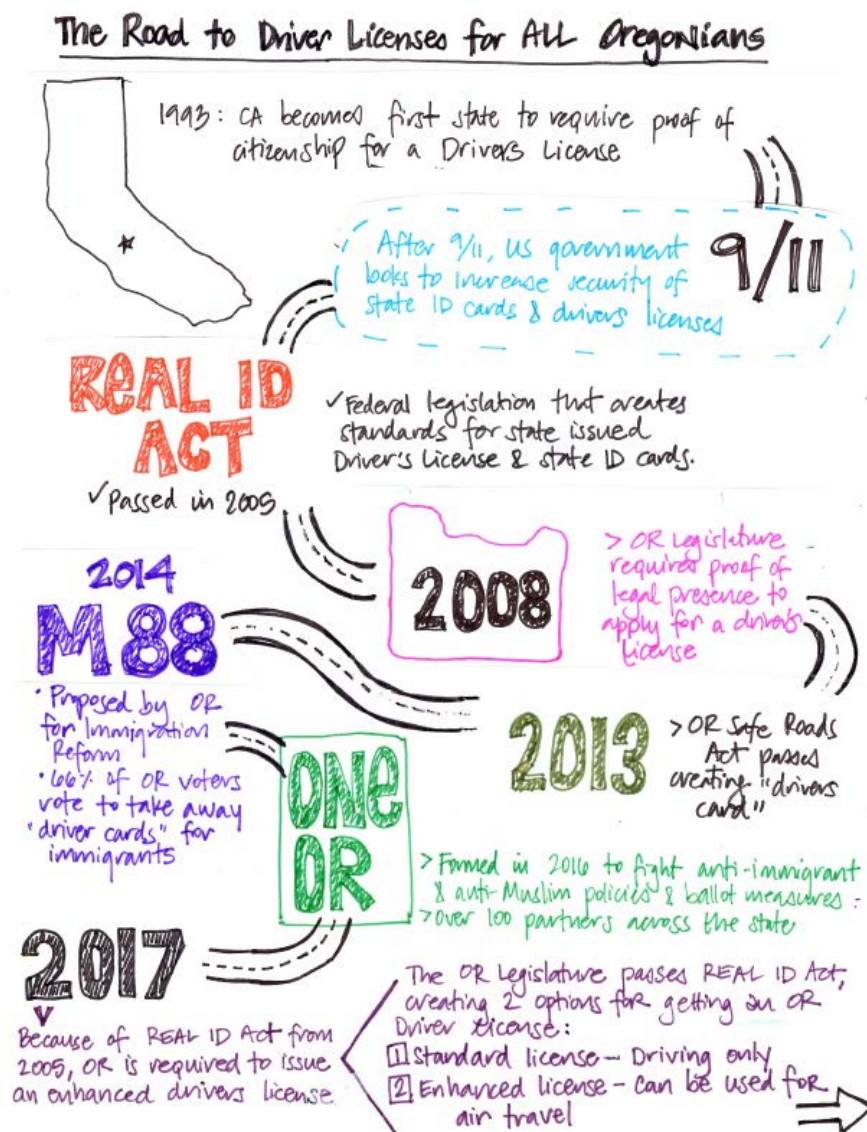
Imagine if you had to do all of that driving, while living in fear of being pulled over by the police because you can't get a driver's license due to our broken federal immigration system? That's 57 minute a day in a car, where you would be constantly looking in your rear view mirror.

3. Oregon's Fight for Driver's Licenses

15 minutes

[TRAINER NOTE: Make sure to scramble the pieces of paper up, bc as listed in the final page, they are in order! Also, as you debrief, have a flip chart where you write up the timeline as you are discussing it. The handout should get saved until you transition to talking about HB 2015 Equal Access to Roads Act at the end.]

SAY: So, how did we get here? I have given you all 10 pieces of paper. They have different events that have helped bring us to this moment. Take 5 minutes to put them in order with your partner. You get bonus points if you know what year they happened in.



ASK: So what happened first? [1. 1993 CA becomes first state to require citizenship for DL]

SAY: Until the 1990s, states did not explicitly prohibit undocumented drivers from getting driver's licenses. In 1993, California became the first state to require all driver's license applicants prove their lawful status. Remember 1993 was at the height of anti-immigrant organizing in the 90s and only one year later, CA voter would pass Proposition 187, an anti-immigrant ballot measure that said undocumented immigrants couldn't get any state services like education or healthcare.

ASK: What happened next? [2. 9/11]

After 9/11, the U.S government began to look at ways to increase security involving state identification cards and driver's licenses to "prevent terrorism and/or illegal entry into and out the U.S."

ASK: What happened next? [3. Federal passage of the REAL ID Act in 2005] Who knows what REAL ID is?

SAY: In 2005, the US Congress passed the REAL ID Act, requiring proof of citizenship or legal status to obtain state drivers licenses. Each state regulated this act individually, but all states were required to comply.

ASK: What happened next? [4. In 2008, Oregon legislature requires proof of legal presence to apply for an OR DL]

SAY: Up to this point, anyone in Oregon could get a license if they 1) proved their identity, 2) had proof of Oregon residency and 3) could pass the driving test. In 2008, in order to begin compliance with REAL ID, the legislature passed a bill requiring applicants for driver's licenses or permit to provide proof of citizenship. For the next five years, anyone who could not provide proof of citizenship was unable to renew or get a driver's license.

ASK: What happened next? [5. Passage of Safe Roads Act in 2013]

Thru the hard work of Causa, immigrant rights groups and their allies, in 2013, Oregon passed the Safe Roads Act SB 833, a bipartisan bill to ensure access to driver's licenses by creating a "driver card" for anyone who could not prove citizenship or didn't have the right documents.

ASK: What happened next? [6. M88 in 2014]

ASK: Who knows who Oregonians for Immigration Reform is?

SAY: OFIR is an extremist anti-immigrant group that has orchestrated attacks on immigrants using the Oregon legislature and at the ballot box, and uses anti-immigrant fear mongering to achieve its goals. OFIR leadership is connected to far right and white supremacist groups across the country, and invites radical anti-immigrant speakers to their events like Sherriff Joe Arpaio from Arizona.

Oregonians for Immigration Reform uses ugly, racist arguments to foster fear of immigrants and advocate for an Oregon that excludes so many in our community: people of color, newcomers, those who speak other languages, and more.

In 2014, OFIR gathered enough signatures to qualify M88, which overturned SB 833. Oregon voters were asked to vote on access to driver's cards for immigrants. And though we had a strong coalition, a ton of grassroots organizing, and more—we lost. 66% of Oregon voters voted away driver's cards for our immigrant family, neighbors and friends.

ASK: Was anyone here involved in the fight to pass Measure 88 campaign?
(Take a few comments)

ASK: What happened next? [7. Creation of One Oregon coalition in 2016]

SAY: Coming out of the loss on Measure 88, in 2016, Causa Oregon leads the creation of One Oregon, a statewide coalition that defends against anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim policies and ballot measures. One Oregon has more than 100 community based organizations in the coalition.

ASK: What happens next? [8. In 2017, Oregon legislature passes REAL ID Act, creating two options for getting an Oregon driver's license.]

SAY: Remember, Oregon is required to implement new stricter standards for issuing enhanced driver licenses to bring the state into compliance with the federal REAL ID Act. So, in 2017, the Oregon Legislature passes a law with stricter standards for issuing enhanced drivers licenses and passes a two tiered license system.

Starting in July 2020, Oregonians will now get to pick between either a standard driver license or a REAL ID compliant license, which will allow you to board a plane and go into federal buildings without additional documentation like a passport. Every Oregonian will be impacted after July 2020. Oregon is the last state to bring into full compliance with REAL ID.

2018
* Emboldened by Pres. Trump, OFIR gathers signatures for M105

• Would have overturned OR Sanctuary state law & opened door for law enforcement to racially profile Oregonians based on their immigration status or perceived status.

OR VOTERS REJECT M105 BY 63%

EQUAL ACCESS 2019 TO ROADS ACT

- * Expands eligibility for a standard driver's license to all Oregon residents
- * PR residents who can pass the written & driving test, pay the fees & provide proof of ID & residency could receive a standard driver license.

⇒ 80,000-100,000 immigrant Oregonians would be eligible to drive

⇒ 1 in 12 Oregon kids - more than 71,000 - are US citizens with at least 1 undocumented parent

Being unable to access a license to drive puts many immigrants in an impossible situation:

- chase to drive
- W/o a license & risk arrest or deportation.
- OR
- don't drive & be unable to provide for family

TAKE ACTION

- Ⓞ SIGN THE PLEDGE
- Ⓞ share your story
- Ⓞ Call your Legislator
- Ⓞ Save the Date:
March 21st Advocacy Day
May Day: Rally & March

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FORWARD TOGETHER

ASK: What happens next? [9. Defeat of M105, protect Oregon's anti racial profiling law]

In 2018, emboldened by the election of President Trump and by their win at the ballot on M88 four years earlier, OFIR becomes the driving force behind the M105 campaign. M105 would have repealed Oregon's Sanctuary Law and opened the door for the Trump Administration to demand that local and state law enforcement target Oregonians based solely on the color of their skin.

Oregon voters rejected M105 by 63%.

ASK: Who here volunteered or was involved in the No on M105 campaign?

SAY: That brings us to today! HB 2015, the Equal Access to Roads Act, would expand eligibility for a standard driver's license to all Oregon residents, regardless of their immigration status. Any Oregon resident who could pass the written and driving test, pay the fee, and provide proof of residency could receive a standard license.

[TRAINER NOTE: Pass out the handout here]

ASK: Who do you think the Equal Access to Roads Act will help?

- It would help 80,000 to 100,000 immigrant Oregonians who are eligible to drive.
- It helps the elderly, low income people, folks who are houseless, and survivors of domestic violence who may not have the documents needed to get an enhanced driver's license.
- The enhanced REAL ID compliant license will cost more and not everyone will be able to afford it. Having an affordable option helps all low income Oregonians.
- Oregonians in rural communities. It's not practical or safe for people to walk miles on country roads to get to and from work or take care of their families.

[Note to trainer: Use this space to focus on delivering some of the core messages about Equal Access to Roads Act]

4. Take Action: The 2019 Campaign

5 minutes

SAY: So we need your help today!

One Oregon is asking folks to:

1. Sign the pledge card asking your legislator to support HB 2015 Equal Access to Roads Act. (pass out pledge cards and collect filled out ones)
2. Call your legislator.
3. Identify spokespeople. We need spokespeople from the business, faith, rural, law enforcement, and immigrant communities. Contact Joel@causaoregon.org for suggestions.
4. Save the date: March 26th Advocacy Day and May Day Rally and March.

CA becomes first state to require proof of citizenship for a Driver's License

9/11 happens

REAL ID Act passed by US Congress

OR Legislature requires proof of legal presence to apply for a driver's license

OR Safe Road Act passes creating a "drivers card."

Oregonians for Immigration Reform put M88 on the ballot to take away driver's cards.

One Oregon coalition formed.

OR Legislature passes REAL ID Act, creating two options for getting an OR driver license

Oregonians for Immigration Reform puts M105 on the ballot to overturn Sanctuary state law and open door for law enforcement to racially profile.

HB 2015 Equal Access to Roads Act introduced

The Road to Driver Licenses for ALL Oregonians



1943: CA becomes first state to require proof of citizenship for a Drivers License

After 9/11, US government looks to increase security of state ID cards & drivers licenses

9/11

REAL ID ACT

✓ Passed in 2005

✓ Federal legislation that creates standards for state issued Driver's License & state ID cards.

2014
M88

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• 66% of OR voters vote to take away "driver cards" for immigrants

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> over 100 partners across the state

2017

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The OR Legislature passes REAL ID Act, creating 2 options for getting an OR Driver License:

- 1 Standard license - Driving only
- 2 Enhanced license - can be used for air travel

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