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Dear Governor Walker and Members of the State Legislature:

We write to express support for legislation expected to be advanced in the 2019 legislative session to provide driver cards to community members who are unable to provide documentary proof of legal status but who otherwise qualify for driver licenses. Restricting driver's licenses has made our roads less safe, harmed Wisconsin's economy, and led to the separation of Wisconsin immigrant families.

The legislation to be introduced will also include measures to ensure that the hundreds of thousands of US Citizens in Wisconsin whose licenses are currently suspended or revoked due to an inability to pay fines, rather than due to traffic points violations, are not denied a driver's license due to income.

Denying driver's licenses to low income, working class, and immigrant Wisconsinites across our state has created barriers to opportunity for tens of thousands of families. Immigrant families have been separated following traffic stops solely for driving without a license. Employers have found themselves unable to fill jobs because there are not enough workers able to drive to the jobsite. Community members have been unable to obtain employment because of an inability to get to and from work.

To remove these barriers to opportunity, we urge you to support legislation to restore driver licenses for immigrants and US Citizens in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned