Dear Business Owner:

We invite you to join the Coalition for Safe Roads to restore access to driver licenses for all in Wisconsin that makes our roads safer by ensuring that all drivers have been tested, know the Rules of the road and have access to good auto insurance.

We are building support from all sectors -urban and rural businesses, churches, community organizations, and across party lines- to support a provision in the state budget that would remove barriers to driver’s licenses for all people in Wisconsin.

Being a welcoming state and restoring access to driver’s licenses is essential to addressing the state’s labor shortage and making Wisconsin’s economy thrive. Since we all share Wisconsin’s roads, we are all safer when everyone on the road is licensed and insured. Currently, tens of thousands of Wisconsin drivers are unable to receive a driver’s license because they are immigrants who lack a social security number or are low-income US citizens who had their driver licenses suspended due to minor infractions. Without a license, it is harder for these individuals to visit places of worship, and allow parents to take their children to school and school-related activities. Removing barriers to driver licenses will provide access to economic opportunities, make families stronger and connect more people to their communities.

As the recently released report by Kids Forward shows, restoring driver’s licenses for immigrants would not only make the roads safer but would provide a tremendous economic benefit for all Wisconsinites. By restoring immigrant access to driver licenses, an estimated 32,000 residents of Wisconsin would gain driver licenses, with 12,000 of those residents living with children who are U.S. citizens. The number of Wisconsin drivers who don’t have insurance would drop by an estimated 28,000 and result in lower insurance premiums for already-insured drivers at a cost-savings of $16 million.

Estimates show that Wisconsin will face a shortage of 45,000 workers by 2024. Many industries are already facing a shortage of workers. Being a welcoming, pro-immigrant state and restoring access to driver licenses is essential to addressing the state’s labor shortage and making Wisconsin’s economy thrive. Please also send a copy of your letter to Primitivo Torres at primitivo@vdlf.org, coalition organizer, as we are collecting all letters to demonstrate the breadth of support.

Sincerely,
Wisconsin Coalition for Safe Roads

Dear _____________________________:

I am writing to you to express my support for restoring access to driver's licenses for all including immigrants in Wisconsin.

As a Business owner, I recognize the value of immigrants in my community. Immigrants in Wisconsin are taxpayers, employers, consumers and workers who have made great contributions to the state's economy.

Ensuring that all Wisconsin residents have access to driver's licenses is a sound economic policy that grows our economy while helping build stronger communities. Without driver's licenses, thousands of Wisconsin families are isolated from their communities. Because many jobs require driver's licenses or are far from public transportation, the job prospects of these people are very limited. Analysts estimate that Wisconsin will face a shortage of 45,000 workers by the year 2024. Being a welcoming, pro-immigrant state and restoring access to driver's licenses is essential to address the state's labor shortages and make the economy of Wisconsin flourish.

Restoring access to driver's licenses for everyone in Wisconsin will help families get out of poverty, improve public safety and keep families together. As your constituent, I ask you to support legislation that restores driver's licenses to undocumented and low-income Wisconsin residents.

Sincerely,

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