



WISCONSIN COALITION FOR SAFE ROADS

Dear Faith leader,

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 creating bipartisan support from all sectors—urban and rural business leaders, law enforcement, religious communities, community organizations, and elected officials.

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 access employment, 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.

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. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has been targeting those caught driving without a license for detention and deportation separating hundreds of immigrant families in Wisconsin.

Restoring access to driver's licenses will improve the economy, decrease discrimination, and keep families together. Leviticus 19:34 states, "you shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt".

Your voice can help make a difference. We ask that you use the attached letter as a template, which you can print on your own letterhead to send to Governor-elect Evers, to your state assembly representative and state senator.

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 religious leader, 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,

_____ First Name	_____ Last Name
_____ Title	_____ Organization/Business
_____ Address	_____ City
_____ State	_____ ZIP Code



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