Dear Law Enforcement Representative:

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 bipartisan support from all sectors — urban and rural business leaders, law enforcement, faith communities, grassroots organizations, and local elected officials — to support the inclusion of provisions in the 2023-24 biennial state budget that would remove barriers to driver's licenses for immigrants and low-income people in Wisconsin.

Currently, over 132,000 Wisconsin drivers do not have a valid driver license, either because they are immigrants who lack a Social Security Number, or because they are low-income US citizens who had their driver licenses suspended due to inability to pay fines for minor traffic infractions.

Restoring access to driver's licenses will allow motorists to complete their driver's examinations and safety screenings and be properly identified by first responders in the event of an accident. Drivers will be less likely to leave the scene of an accident. People with driver licenses are far more likely to come forward to work with law enforcement, report accidents, and report crimes.

Furthermore, 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.

Your voice can make a difference. We’re asking you to use the attached letter as a template, which can be printed on your own letterhead to send to Governor Evers, your State Representative and State Senator, and members of the Joint Finance Committee. 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 law enforcement representative, 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