Dear Elected Official:

**On behalf of the Coalition for Safe Roads we would like to thank you for your service to your constituents, our communities and the state of Wisconsin. We are a statewide Coalition with the goal of restoring access to driver licenses for all in Wisconsin, which would make 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 passage of a drivers license bill in Wisconsin.

According to the state policy organization, Kids Forward, there are 67,000 undocumented immigrants 16 years and older who would be eligible for a driver’s license if access was granted. There are an estimated 32,000 Wisconsinites who are undocumented that have children. Driver licenses mean they could pick up their children from school, go to doctor’s appointments, and buy groceries without fear. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has targeted people stopped for driving without a license for detention and deportation, separating hundreds of Wisconsin immigrant families. Restoring access to driver licenses will improve the economy, lessen discrimination, and keep families together.

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 be a champion of justice for our communities, economy and our state. Please use the attached letter as a template, which can be printed on your own letterhead to send to Governor Elect Evers, state Assembly and Senator leadership.**

**Also,** 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 an elected official, 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. I ask you to support legislation that restores driver's licenses to undocumented and low-income Wisconsin residents.

Sincerely,

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