

Written Testimony of Kathy Korkowski on HF1163

John Howe,

I am writing in support of driver's licenses for all including undocumented immigrants. There are many people who have been in this country for decades. They have children who were born here and the parents need to be able to drive legally. This right was taken away in Minnesota a number of years ago and needs to be reinstated.

First of all, to be licensed the people will need to take a written and a road test. Those tests are not easy. One of my tasks as an adult basic education teacher was to prepare immigrants and refugees for the written test. There are translations for a few languages but most of my students were taking it in English. Helping them understand the language and ultimately pass the test took quite some time. Some tried many, many times before they passed it. Then there is the road test. Students need to understand a fair amount of English to be successful.

Second, once people pass the tests they can purchase car insurance. This makes driving safer for everyone.

Third, once parents can drive legally they can take their children to sports practices and other events. This will help the children be more successful and better citizens.

Therefore, I am asking you to consider supporting the driver's licenses for all bill when it comes up in the Minnesota legislature.

Sincerely,

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