

Written Testimony of John Benda on HF1163

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Dear Minnesota Legislators,

I am writing in support of HF 1163, "Driver's License for All." Undocumented immigrants should be able to get a driver's license and drive legally in Minnesota. There are many reasons to support this bill including the following:

- By allowing undocumented immigrants to legally hold a license, they will receive driver training and, therefore, drive more safely.
- By being able to drive legally, undocumented immigrants will have access to more jobs, be able to earn a higher income, and provide better for their families while helping the overall economy.
- 69% of undocumented immigrants work in front-line jobs considered "essential" to the fight against Covid-19. We need to be sure they have access to reliable transportation to get to their jobs.
- Undocumented immigrants contribute greatly to our work force and economy. They should be able to have a reliable and legal way to get to appointments, work, school and to connect with friends and family.

Let's treat undocumented immigrants with dignity and respect and remove this obstacle that makes their lives that much more difficult. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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