

Written Testimony of Lynda McDonnell on HF1163

To Committee Members:

There are many reasons to support allowing roughly 90,000 undocumented Minnesotans to get drivers' licenses. Getting a license requires training, testing and access to insurance, which improves public safety for all of us. It benefits our economy by allowing immigrant workers to drive safely to their jobs in the agriculture, service and construction industries, where their labor is much needed.

Most importantly, it bestows dignity on people who must drive to work, school, stores and church. With drivers' licenses, they can be more engaged in our communities. And they face far less risk that a minor traffic stop can balloon into an arrest and even deportation.

I urge the committee and full legislature to support drivers' licenses for all in Minnesota.

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