

Members of the Minnesota House of Representatives
c/o Majority Leader Ryan Winkler
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
St. Paul MN 55155

April 2, 2019

Dear Representatives,

As Catholics living in Minnesota, we urge you to support passage of legislation that will create a pathway for our undocumented brothers and sisters to obtain driver's licenses.

For decades, undocumented immigrants had been able to obtain a license. However, because of rules implemented by the Department of Motor Vehicles in 2003, they are unable to do so now.

As Catholics, we are outraged by the current plight of immigrants. Our Church's social teachings compel us to work for the dignity of all human beings and to address the needs of the most vulnerable. The pictures of children separated from parents and put in cages is a wake-up call. It is a painful example of what Pope Francis calls "a culture of indifference." He challenges all of us to resist this culture in our hearts and our communities for it threatens our world and our humanity.

This dignity is described by Cardinal Peter Turkson who stated, "Everybody has dignity that needs to be respected, even those who are away from home, even those who are forced to be on the road. Every human person, regardless of his condition, has something that no court of law can take from him or bestow on him. And that is his dignity by reason of the fact that he is created in the image and likeness of God."

Returning drivers licenses to immigrants would be a step toward a culture of mutual respect and away from indifference. The failure of our elected officials in Washington to pass comprehensive immigration reform compels us to change course here in Minnesota and begin to treat immigrant families with respect and dignity.

Bishop Andrew Cozzens, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis has spoken to the issue of driver's licenses:

"Opening our license system to immigrants will allow Minnesota to take action and address one component of our broken immigration system. Our immigrant brothers and sisters need reforms to ensure that they are not confined to the shadows and margins of our society. Absent federal comprehensive immigration reform, offering drivers' licenses is one small measure the State of Minnesota can employ that will make our roads safer and our communities more welcoming to immigrants who already make important contributions to our economic, cultural and social life.



“Nor does this legislation “reward” those who have broken the law. It is a concrete measure of solidarity that looks beyond the myriad of reasons why someone is here illegally with their family and seeks to protect their well-being in the reality of their situation and in light of actual prospects for immigration reform and enforcement.”

As Minnesotans, we know we can do better than this, for our state has a history of acceptance and kindness. As neighbors to immigrants in our towns and state, we feel it is simply unjust to deny our sisters and brothers the right to drivers' licenses, allowing them to care for their families.

As Catholics, we want our State to do better than this. Our awareness of the urgency of addressing this injustice comes from knowing that many of these immigrants are part of our parish communities and the communities in which we live.

We urge you to pass legislation to again allow drivers' licenses for undocumented immigrants.

Sincerely,

Sarah Gleason, Saint Paul, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
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Sue Budd, Minneapolis, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
Meghan Grossman, Minneapolis, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
Kate Cole, Saint Paul, St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Nancy Eder, Burnsville, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
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Sharon Burns, Maple Grove, St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church
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The failure of our elected officials in Washington to pass comprehensive immigration reform, compels us to act here in Minnesota. As Bishop Andrew Cozzens has said,

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Many of these immigrants are our Catholic parishioners which intensifies our awareness of the urgency of addressing this injustice.

Moreover, central to our faith as Catholics, is the reality of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph who were immigrants taking refuge in Egypt to escape the fury of an evil king. Increasingly, we as Priests, and our parishioners in the pews, are recognizing the full truth of what was written by Pope Pius XII in 1952 and reaffirmed by Pope Benedict XVI in 2007:

“The Holy Family is the model, the example and the support of all immigrants of every age and every country, of all refugees of any condition who, compelled by persecution and need, are forced to abandon their homeland, their beloved relatives, their neighbors, their dear friends, and move to a foreign land.”



Confronted with these realities and the unnecessary pain many of our parishioners are experiencing through this policy, we are unable to remain silent. We are compelled to act. We urge you to pass legislation to again allow driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants.

Sincerely,

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Rev. Patrick Kennedy, Minneapolis, Saint Olaf Minneapolis
Timothy Wozniak, Eagan, St. Thomas Becket
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Father Anthony Judge, Brooklyn Center, St. Alphonsus
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Fr. Lewis Grobe, Collegeville, St. John's Abbey
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Dear Representatives,

As clergy faith leaders in ISAI AH, we urge our state elected officials to support passage of legislation that will restore the pathway for our undocumented brothers and sisters to obtain a driver's license by approving House File 1500.

As leaders in our communities of faith across Minnesota, we believe all people are made in the image of God and everyone - Black, white or Brown, indigenous, new-comer or long-time resident, in cities, suburb or rural - is inherently of the highest value and deserving of **dignity, inclusion, equity** and **redemption**. Our faith traditions and sacred texts challenge us and our elected leaders to embrace a society in which all people are able to fully and powerfully participate in creating and enjoying God's Commonwealth; bringing redemption and healing to ourselves, our community, and our state.

For decades, undocumented Minnesotans had been able to obtain a license but are now unable to do so because of new rules implemented in 2003. Restoring what was taken is a bold and prophetic act of moral leadership.

Minnesota's immigrant families, like all Minnesotans, are part of the fabric of our communities. We go to school with them, we work with them, we worship with them. It is time that we recognize their full humanity and dignity. Our Creator did not create disposable people or a hierarchy of human beings. Passing this legislation is to act in alignment with our Divine and moral call to love and treat our neighbor as ourselves and to welcome the stranger as our own.

We urge you pass this legislation that will restore undocumented immigrants' opportunity to apply for a driver's license.

Peace and Blessings to You,

Rev. Dr. Chris Bellefeuille, Bayport, Trinity Lutheran Church

Rev. Grant Stevensen, Saint Paul, Our Saviours Lutheran Church

Rev. Ralph Baumgartner, Saint Paul, Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill

Rev. Karen Stevensen, Saint Paul, Our Saviours

Pastor Paul Slack, Brooklyn Park, New Creation Church

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Rev. Lawrence Richardson, Saint Paul, Linden Hills United Church of Christ
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Rev. Amy Wick Moore, Minneapolis, United Church of Christ
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Dr. Joel Abrahamson, Minneapolis, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
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Rev. Randy Johnson, Saint Cloud, First United Methodist Church
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Rev. Peter Weston Miller, Mounds View, Trinity Lutheran Church
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Pastor Sonny Graves, Minneapolis, New Spirit United Church of Christ
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Rev. Lora Sturm, Faribault, St. John's UCC
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Pastor John Nelson, Minneapolis, Gethsemane Lutheran Church
Rev. Daniel Streeper, Roseville, House of Prayer Lutheran Church
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Rev. Karen Larson, Rochester, Zwingli United Church of Christ
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March 29, 2019

Members of the House of Representatives
c/o Majority Leader Ryan Winkler,
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St. Paul, MN 55155

Members of the Minnesota House of Representatives,

I am writing on behalf of Jewish Community Action. JCA organizes the Twin Cities Jewish community around racial and economic justice issues, and we are proud to join with other faith-based organizations, immigrants' rights advocates, community-based groups, workers' rights advocates and businesses across Minnesota to call for passage of this bill, which would allow all who call Minnesota home to access a driver's license, regardless of immigration status.

The most often-repeated commandment in the Torah is to "love the stranger." As a people who have been cast as the "other" or the "stranger" throughout our history, we feel a moral obligation to treat undocumented immigrants as the neighbors and crucial members of our community that they are, rather than the strangers they are made out to be.

Treating all who call Minnesota home with dignity includes allowing them to access the tools they need in order to fully participate in communal life. Driving is a necessity for many people who live here, whether they are taking their children to school, visiting a doctor, or going to pray at a house of worship. However, for people who do not have a driver's license and who are undocumented, doing these everyday tasks could risk life-changing consequences. Even if someone is pulled over for something as small as a broken tail light, it could result in them being separated from their family and their community.

HF 1500 would allow all Minnesotans, regardless of immigration status, to obtain a standard "noncompliant" driver's license or state ID after fulfilling the necessary requirements. The bill also contains strong anti-discrimination measures designed to protect people from discrimination on the basis of national origin. We urge you to vote in favor of the bill and expand opportunities for Minnesotans to participate in this State's economic, social, and communal life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carin Mrotz".

Carin Mrotz
Executive Director



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Re: House File 1500

Dear Representatives,

We submit this letter in support of House File 1500, allowing persons to obtain a Minnesota driver's license or identification card if they are in the United States without permission.

The proposed legislation makes Minnesota safer. In order to receive a driver's license, persons must show an understanding of Minnesota's traffic laws before obtaining a permit. They must also demonstrate driving skills through a road test before any license is issued. Knowledgeable, competent drivers benefit all Minnesotans.

Because drivers must be licensed in order to purchase insurance, undocumented immigrants are unable to be insured. This creates additional costs for all Minnesota drivers. Additionally, licensed drivers are far less likely to flee the scene of an accident, resulting in fewer hit and run accidents.

All of our faith traditions teach that each person is created by God and must be treated with dignity. Providing driver's licenses allows people lawfully to drive to and from work in order to provide for their families. It allows them to be active and contribute to their community. It allows them to access health care for themselves and their children and attend meetings and conferences at their children's school. And it allows them to attend services at their places of worship.

In many parts of our state individuals cannot meet their basic needs without the ability to drive. Surely the command to love our neighbor requires us to grant these basic dignities to our brothers and sisters.

We urge you to pass House File 1500.

Sincerely,

Anne Krisnik, Executive Director
Joint Religious Legislative Coalition



March 25, 2019

Dear Members:

Peace be with you. We, the bishops of the Minnesota Catholic Conference, write in support of H.F. 1500, which will provide a pathway for our undocumented brothers and sisters to obtain driver's licenses. Enacting this legislative proposal is long overdue; there is urgency to act.

Re-opening our license system will allow Minnesota to address one component of our broken immigration system. Our immigrant brothers and sisters need reforms to ensure that they are not confined to the shadows and margins of our society. Apart from federal comprehensive immigration reform, offering driver's licenses is one small measure the State of Minnesota can employ to make our roads safer and our communities more welcoming to the immigrants who already make important contributions to our economic, cultural, and social life.

Access to driver's licenses will help many immigrants meet their daily obligations. In many parts of Minnesota, there is no public transportation, and undocumented persons have no ability to get to work, church, health services, or school, other than by driving illegally. Every day, they live in fear that getting stopped could mean permanent separation from their children, spouse, or parents.

In our parishes that serve many undocumented persons and their families, the inability to drive, or doing so without a license, is a major source of stress. Undocumented immigrants who have been able to obtain a license are now not able to do so because of new rules at the DMV requiring social security numbers.

Most of us cannot begin to imagine what loss of movement, or the fear of being deported and separated from our families while doing so, would mean in our lives. It is a terrible fear to impose on people and families in our community. And we must do something about it for our brothers and sisters.

Providing driver's licenses to immigrants also serves the common good—it is surely in the best interests of our state to have people who are living among us and driving on our roads be able to do so safely and legally. In a number of states where similar “noncompliant” licenses have been created, such as Utah and New Mexico, the rates of uninsured motorists declined.

This legislation does not “reward” those who have broken the law. Providing driver's licenses is a concrete measure of solidarity that takes into account the complexity of the immigration issue. It seeks to protect the well-being of undocumented persons considering the reality of their situation and actual prospects for immigration reform and enforcement. There is little likelihood that most of Minnesota's

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90,000 immigrants will be deported—immigrants who pay taxes and serve in their churches and communities. Therefore, how can we both respond to their needs and promote the common good?

We hope today that we as Minnesotans follow the most common biblical moral exhortation—to welcome the stranger—and remember that our families, too, were once strangers in this land who arrived with the same hopes that our undocumented community has today. Though Congress has failed, we hope we can do something meaningful and important for thousands of immigrants in our midst.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the people of Minnesota.

Respectfully yours,

The Most Rev. Bernard A. Hebda, Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis

The Most Rev. Michael J. Hoeppner, Bishop of Crookston

The Most Rev. John LeVoir, Bishop of New Ulm

The Most Rev. John M. Quinn, Bishop of Winona-Rochester

The Most Rev. Paul D. Sirba, Bishop of Duluth

The Most Rev. Donald J. Kettler, Bishop of St. Cloud

The Most Rev. Andrew H. Cozzens, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Paul & Minneapolis



MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

March 28, 2019

Members of the Minnesota House of Representatives
c/o Majority Leader Ryan Winkler
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Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Esteemed Members of the Minnesota House of Representatives,

On behalf of the Minnesota Council of Churches, I am writing in support of HF 1500, which would allow all Minnesotans, regardless of immigration status, to apply for a driver's license.

Comprised of 25 denominations of the Mainline Protestant Church, Historic Black Church, and Greek Orthodox Church, and representing one million Christians throughout the state, the Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC) serves as the unified voice for Christianity in Minnesota. MCC is deeply committed to a vision of **unity built on justice**. We recognize that our society is not just if it excludes the most vulnerable among us from participating fully in the public sphere and living lives of equal opportunity. In Leviticus, God tells us that "the alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt" (Leviticus 19:33-34). As Christians, we take these words to heart. We love our neighbors as ourselves, and we demand that our lawmakers extend the privilege of a driver's license to all who reside in Minnesota, regardless of immigration status.

Since 1985, MCC's refugee resettlement program, Refugee Services, has welcomed refugees and immigrants into lives of freedom, hope, and opportunity in Minnesota. Our staff work tirelessly, helping refugees and immigrants as they navigate their new lives in Minnesota. Through this work, we see how critical it is for new Minnesotans to possess valid identification and to be able to drive. Not only will HF 1500 make our roads safer by ensuring that all drivers are licensed, but we believe that HF 1500 is a crucial step towards granting immigrants the same civic opportunities as other Minnesotans.

On behalf of the Minnesota Council of Churches, I respectfully ask you to support HF 1500. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Curtiss DeYoung
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Members of the Minnesota Legislature,

As rabbis from across the state, we write as members of the Minnesota Rabbinical Association on an issue of great moral importance. The manner in which we treat those who live among us is a reflection of who we are as a society. Jewish tradition teaches that God created humankind in God's own image.¹ That each and every human being in this world deserves to be treated with respect and dignity.

The rabbis of the Talmud were so concerned about upholding this value that there were even some cases where human dignity overrides a prohibition in our sacred Torah.² One commentary goes so far to say that there is no value more precious to God than the value of human dignity.³ For these reasons, we implore you to honor the dignity of all those who live in our midst by ensuring that regardless of someone's immigration status, all Minnesotans who are otherwise eligible can apply for a driver's license.

Issuing a driver's license is an act of affirmation and dignity. It is an act that says to an individual: I see you. I recognize you as my neighbor, work colleague, or parenting adult and role model to whom young people turn for support. You are contributing to the community where we both live. It is an acknowledgment that we need to drive to work, buy groceries, visit the doctor, or gather with our faith community.

Holding a driver's license will allow many people the opportunity to live the lives they are already living with a greater sense of dignity, safety, and confidence. Beyond this, it will enable so many others who have been living in fear to finally be able to engage in, and contribute to, this wonderful state we call home.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our encouragement to vote yes on HF 1500.

With respect,

Rabbi Kassel Abelson, Rabbi Esther Adler, Rabbi Morris Allen, Rabbi Shalom Resnick Bell, Rabbi Norman Cohen, Rabbi Jill Crimmings, Rabbi Barry Cytron, Rabbi Alexander Davis, Rabbi Max Davis, Rabbi Ryan Dulkan, Rabbi Shosh Dworsky, Rabbi Joseph Edelheit, Rabbi Avraham Etedgui, Rabbi Jeremy Fine, Rabbi Jennifer Hartman, Rabbi Sim Glaser, Rabbi Yosi Gordon, Rabbi Tamar Grimm, Rabbi Hayim Herring, Rabbi Harold Kravitz, Rabbi Jason Klein, Rabbi Michael Latz, Rabbi Arielle Lekach-Rosenberg, Rabbi Lynn Liberman, Rabbi David Locketz, Rabbi Alan Shavit-Lonstein, Rabbi Cathy Nemiroff, Rabbi Emma Kippley-Ogman, Rabbi Avi Olitzky, Rabbi Debra Rappaport, Rabbi Jeffrey Schein, Rabbi Adam Stock Spilker, Rabbi Suzy Stone, Rabbi David Steinberg, Rabbi Sharon Stiefel, Rabbi David Thomas, Rabbi Heidi Waldmann, Rabbi Aaron Weininger, Rabbi Michelle Werner, Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman

¹ Genesis 1:27

² Berachot 19b

³ Rabbi Menachem ben Solomon haMeiri, Commentary on Berachot 19b



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April 2, 2019

Dear Representatives,

We the undersigned faith leaders respectfully urge you to approve the Driver's-License-for-All-Bill HF1500. The core issue is about the basic human dignity of all people. Refusing to issue state ID for some people deprives them of the ability to work or move about and places them in constant risk of arrest. In short it deprives people of a basic dignity.

God reminds us: "And We have certainly honored the children of Adam on the land and the sea and provided for them of the good things and preferred them over most of the creation." (Quran 17:70)

The lack of state issued ID deprives dignity from people of all races and ethnicities. But it particularly impacts our Latino brothers and sisters. As a Muslim religious leader, I feel compelled to stand next to my Latino brothers and sisters on this important issue.

Please vote for human dignity for all. Please vote for an inclusive society. Please approve the Driver's-License-for-All-Bill HF1500.

Respectfully,

Imam Asad Zaman, Inver Grove Heights, Muslim American Society

Imam Muhammad Mursal; Islamic Association of North America

Imam Shabaan Aboubadria; Masjid al Huda

Imam Makram ElAmin; Masjid an Nur

Imam Ahmed Anshur; Masjid al Ihsan

Imam Hassan Jama; Islamic Association of North America

Imam Walid Shadi; Blaine Masjid

Shaykha Eman Haymour; Muslim American Society of Minnesota

Ikramul Huq; Masjid ar Rahman

Imam Mohammed Dukuly; Masjid Al-Ansar Islamic Community Center

Imam Mohamed Omar; Dar Al Farooq Center

Regina Mustafa; Community Interfaith Dialogue on Islam

Nausheena Hussain; Reviving the Islamic Sisterhood for Empowerment (RISE)

Shaykha Tamara Gray; Rabata



Nasrudiin Abdirahman; Madina Community Center
Dr. Tamim Saidi; NWICC Masjid Al-Kareem
Kausar Hussain; Islamic Center of Minnesota
Dr. Bilal Murad; Zakat, Aid & Charity Assisting Humanity (ZACAH)
Khalil Hour; NWICC Masjid Al-Kareem
Zafar Siddiqui; Al Amal School
Abdulahi Farah; Abubakar Assadique Islamic Center
Syed Husain; Brooklyn Park Islamic Center
Samir Saikali; Muslim Speaker and Teacher
Dr. Hamdy El-Sawaf; Islamic Community Center of Minnesota
Reies Romero, Muslim Youth Leadership Awards
Abdulwahab Asamarai, Saint Paul, Islamic Cultural Community Center
Ali Mohamed, Rosemount
Abdulaziz Sugule, Minneapolis, Abubakar Assaddique Islamic Center
Ms. Hamdi Kosar, Willmar, ISIAH
Sarah Abe, Saint Paul, Islamic Center of Minnesota
Sakinah Mujahid, Minneapolis, Sisters Need A Place (SNAP)
Imam Mohamed Ibrahim, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota Muslim Community Center
Imam Osman Ali, Burnsville, Dar-Us-Salam Mosque and Community Center
Imam Abdiqani Ali, Minneapolis, Masjid Shaafici Cultural Center
Imam Aden Hassan, Willmar, Islamic Society of Willmar
Imam Siyad Loxos, Rochester, Abu Huraira Islamic Center
Imam Aabdirizak Hashi, Minneapolis, Abubakar Assadique Islamic Center
Imam Sh. Abdirahman Omar, Saint Paul, Abubakar Assadique Islamic Center
Valerie Shirley, Saint Paul, Minnesota Deaf Muslim Community (MDMC)
Imam Abdullahi Nuur, Saint Paul, As Sunnah Islamic Center
Imam Mohamed Mukhtar, Minneapolis, Irshad Islamic Center
Mariam El-Khatib, Minneapolis, American Muslims for Palestine
Ali Abdinur, Sain Paul, Ali Abdinur president of Haro
Abduladir Abdi, Shakopee, Samaha Islamic Center
Imam Mohamed Bihi, Shakopee, Samaha Islamic Center
Majed Abusara, Blaine, Pioneers Academy
Imam Mohamed Bihi, Shakopee, Samaha Islamic Center
Imam Sharif Mohamed, Minneapolis, ICOSA-Dar Al Hijrah Mosque
Abdisalam Adam, Minneapolis, ICOSA-Dar Al Hijrah Mosque
Wali Dirie, Minneapolis, ICOSA-Dar Al Hijrah Mosque
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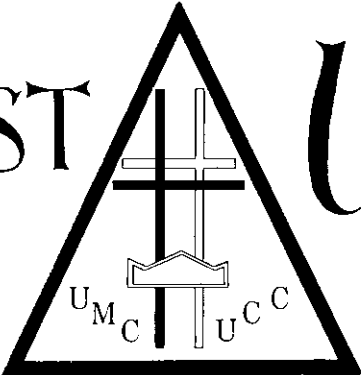
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to support H.F. No. 1500 and its appeal to provide drivers licenses for all. As the legislation states, this bill would allow people to have a driver's license regardless of immigration status. The legislation would not allow for illegal voting or fraudulent activity.

Standard driver's licenses would be distinctively marked as required under federal law and would not be valid for REAL ID purposes. Issuing these licenses would not only benefit Minnesotans without access to an immigration process, but also those experiencing homelessness, the elderly, and other groups who may have difficulty obtaining hard-to-access documentation.

This bill is necessary to help alleviate the stains on our society of homelessness, poverty, and food insecurity just to name a few. Without identification people cannot obtain jobs or housing except in emergency situations. As a clergy member, it is my duty to remind us of our Christian responsibility to care for the most needy of our society. Help Minnesota to remain a leader in morality, a leader in civility, and a leader in exemplifying how we should treat our neighbor.

God Bless,



Rev. Tony Romaine