



Driver's Licenses for ALL: Economic and Safety Benefits

All Illinoisans will benefit when 250,000 Illinois immigrant motorists get tested, get licensed, and get insured.

Insurance savings: Unlicensed, uninsured immigrant drivers cost ***\$64 million in damage claims*** that other policy holders must cover. If these drivers can get licensed and insured, that cost of covering accidents involving uninsured motorists will decline, and ***insurance rates will fall for everyone.***

- Since ***New Mexico*** began issuing licenses to undocumented immigrants in 2003, its ***rate of uninsured motorists fell from 33% to 9%.*** In Illinois, 15% of motorists drive without insurance.
- If half of the 250,000 unlicensed immigrants got licensed and insured, Illinois policy holders would ***save \$46 million per year*** in premium payments.

State revenue: Immigrant motorists would need to pay at least \$30 to get a license.

- If 50% of the 250,000 currently unlicensed immigrant motorists got licenses, the State would receive ***\$3.75 million in new revenue.***
- If 75% of these motorists got licenses, the State would receive ***\$5.63 million*** in new revenue.
- These motorists would also need to pay each time they renew their licenses, and could be charged additional fees to cover any security and fraud prevention measures or other costs.

Economic participation: Immigrants who can drive legally are ***more likely to work, spend, and contribute to our economy.*** A 2011 Oregon Department of Transportation study found that

- undocumented community members had trouble making large purchases and reduced their activities outside the home because they could not get driver's licenses
- undocumented workers also risk losing jobs due to their inability to get to and from work.
- immigrant families were also less able to get to grocery stores or malls and are limited in their purchases because they have to walk.

Safety: Since ***New Mexico*** began issuing licenses to undocumented immigrants in 2003, ***alcohol-related crashes decreased 32%, and traffic fatalities fell 23%.***

Requiring undocumented motorists to get licenses will ***ease the burden on courts and jails.***

- In ***Lake County***, 470 (28%) of all motorists booked at the county jail for traffic offenses from October 2011 through September 2012 were immigrants who could not get licenses.
- In ***Cook County***, ***47,850 tickets*** were issued in 2011 to motorists for driving without a license.

In addition, police will be able to use licenses to ***identify motorists during stops*** and check their traffic records. And ***first responders and health care providers*** will be able to use the license to identify the individuals they are assisting.

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Safer Roadways, Secure Families

Supporters

Law Enforcement

Lake County Sheriff Mark Curran
Kane County Sheriff Patrick Perez
Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart
Evanston Police Chief Richard Eddington
Berwyn Chief of Police Jim Ritz
Melrose Park Chief of Police Rosa Pitassi
Cook County Judge Jesse Reyes
Cook County Judge Patrick McGann
(retired)

Elected Officials

Governor Pat Quinn
Former Governor Jim Edgar
Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan
Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka
Senate President John Cullerton
Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle
Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios
Cook County Clerk of Circuit Court
Dorothy Brown
Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel
US Rep. Luis Gutierrez
US Rep. Jan Schakowsky
US Senator Dick Durbin

Insurance

Illinois Insurance Association
Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois
AON Corporation
CNA Commercial Property and Casualty
Insurance
Mesirow Financial

Business

Illinois Green Industries Association
Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Illinois Restaurant Association
Pete's Fresh Market

Health Care

Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council
(MCHC)
Alivio Medical Center
Cook County Hospital
Holy Cross Hospital
MacNeal Hospital-Berwyn
Norwegian American Hospital
St. Anthony Hospital
Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital
Sinai Health System
Weiss Hospital-Chicago Lakefront
West Suburban Hospital-Oak Park
Westlake Hospital-Melrose Park

Universities

DePaul University
Dominican University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Northeastern Illinois University
Roosevelt University

Labor

Chicago Federation of Labor
Chicago Teachers Union
Niles Township Federation of Teachers
North Suburban Teachers Union
SEIU Illinois State Council
SEIU Healthcare
SEIU Local 1
SEIU Local 73
Teamsters Local 705
Teamsters Local 742
Teamsters Local 777
UE Electrical Workers
UFCW Local 881
UNITE HERE Local 1

Faith

8th Day Center for Justice
AJC Chicago (American Jewish
Committee)
Dr. Byron T. Brazier, Apostolic Church of
God
Catholic Conference of Illinois
Chicago New Sanctuary Coalition
Iglesia Amor del Padre
Jewish Council on Urban Affairs
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
New Hope Apostolic Ministry
North Shore Unitarian Church
Our Lady of Tepeyac
Priests for Justice
Project IRENE
Protestants for the Common Good
Providence of God
St. Agnes of Bohemia
St. Adalbert
St. Ann
St. Clare
St. Gall
St. Joseph (Back of the Yards)
St. Joseph (McHenry County)
St. Mary Star of the Sea
St. Nicholas of Tolentine
St. Pius V
St. Rita Catholic Church
Sisters and Brothers for Immigrants
Sisters of Mercy
United Congress of Community and
Religion Organizations

United Methodist Church
Wellington Avenue United Church of
Christ

Community Organizations

Albany Park Neighborhood Council
Arab American Action Network
Arab American Family Services
Asian American Institute
Brighton Park Neighborhood Council
Champaign-Urbana Immigration Forum
Chicago Commons
Chicago Irish Immigrant Support
Chinese American Service League
Cicero Area Project
Coalition for a Better Chinese American
Community
Community Health Partnership
Community Renewal Society
CONFEMEX
Enlace Chicago
Erie Neighborhood House
Family Focus Aurora
FEDECFMI
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and
Refugee Rights
Illinois People's Action
Immigrant Youth Justice League
Inner-city Muslim Action Network (IMAN)
Instituto del Progreso Latino
Korean American Community Services
La Voz Latina (Rockford)
Latino Organization of the Southwest
Logan Square Neighborhood Association
Mano a Mano Family Resource Center
Mexican Cultural Institution
Mujeres Latinas en Accion
National People's Action
Northern Immigrant Alliance
Northwest Side Housing Center
Polish Initiative of Chicago
Southwest Organizing Project
Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project
Spanish Community Center (Joliet)
The Resurrection Project
United African Organization
United Congress of Community and
Religion Organizations
West Suburban Action Project (PASO)
WINGS: Women in Need Growing
Stronger