SUPPORT HIGHWAY SAFETY:
Driver’s Licenses for ALL Illinois Motorists

Illinois law requires anyone applying for a driver’s license to provide a Social Security number (SSN). This law prevents **250,000 Illinois immigrant motorists** who cannot get SSNs from getting licenses—even though they need to drive to support their families. These unlicensed, uninsured drivers cost Illinois motorists **$64 million in damage claims** each year. In 2011, **42% of all fatal crashes in Illinois involved an unlicensed driver** (351 out of 835). Nationwide, unlicensed motorists are **five times likelier** to be involved in a fatal crash than licensed drivers.

Providing a way for Illinois immigrant motorists to obey driver’s license laws will make everyone on our state’s roads safer. These immigrant drivers will need to **get tested on their driving skills and on the rules of the road, and purchase insurance.**

### How Illinois Benefits When All Motorists Get Licensed

- **Police** will be able to use licenses to **identify motorists during stops** and check their traffic records.
- **First responders and health care providers** will be able to use the license to identify the individuals they are assisting.
- Drivers will be more likely to **stay at the scene of an accident** to aid police and emergency workers and to exchange insurance information with other affected motorists.
- **Limited court time and jail space will be less burdened** with cases of drivers who are there solely for driving without a license or insurance. In **Lake County**, 470 (28%) of all motorists booked at the county jail for traffic offenses from October 2011 through September 2012 were undocumented immigrants who could not get licenses.
- As more drivers get insured, the numbers of accidents involving uninsured motorists will decline, the costs of such accidents—and the premiums to cover them—will decline, and **insurance rates will fall for everyone**. If half of the 250,000 unlicensed immigrants got licensed and insured, **Illinois policy holders will save $46 million each year.**

### What Other States Are Doing

Washington and New Mexico already require all immigrant motorists to get driver’s licenses. Since New Mexico made this change in 2003, its **rate of uninsured motorists fell from 33% to under 9%**. New Mexico also saw a **32% decrease in alcohol-related crashes and a 23% drop in traffic fatalities**. Both states also use strong procedures to verify documents regarding identity and residence and **guard against fraud and abuse.**

**Join the Highway Safety Coalition!**

A broad spectrum of law enforcement, business, labor, faith, and community leaders support requiring all Illinois motorists to get trained, tested, licensed, and insured.

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### 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
- Senate President John Cullerton
- Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan
- Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka
- 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 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
- UFW 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

**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
- FEDECM
- Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
- Illinois People’s Action
- Inner-city Muslim Action Network (IMAN)
- Immigrant Youth Justice League
- 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 Acción
- 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

Wellington Avenue United Church of Christ