



## **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 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

8<sup>th</sup> 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  
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 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