

## **Written Testimony of Joan Bulfer on HF1163**

Chairman and Committee members,

I have worked for a number of years with immigrants in our community. Their family values and hard work are assets to Minnesota. I believe that reinstating driver's licenses to immigrants is vital not only to our economy, but to our safety as the driving public. As a public health professional, my big concern is the impact that not having a driver's license has on the children of immigrants. Parents are less likely to be able to involve their children in extracurricular activities or be involved in their child's school. In our society, driving is very important to being able to adequately care for your children in many ways. There are so many positives to restoring driver's licenses for all. And no negatives. It is time that this bill is passed.

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