

Written Testimony of Mary Kocak on HF1163

It is past time to restore access to driver's licenses for immigrants. I have witnessed the anguish over doing everyday tasks we as licenses holders take for granted: taking kids to school, going to work, the doctor, place of worship, staying connected with family and friends. It places our fellow Minnesotan in the unnecessary position of meeting their daily needs and the fear of being pulled over, arrested and the possibility of impounding the car. It also can isolate a person or family, especially children from community. They are not free to be mobile as I am. It is not only past time to restore their driver's license but equally important the restoration of basic human dignity.

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