

Written Testimony of Sheila Hougen on HF1163

I am writing in favor of allowing undocumented immigrants to study and obtain a driver's license. I have friends who are immigrants, but because of their status they are unable to drive in Minnesota. Since 2003 getting a driver's license has been denied to undocumented immigrants. This causes a hardship for immigrants who are attempting to get to work, school or appointments. It also puts all driver's at risk because even though they are denied a driver's license, undocumented immigrants find ways to drive, and without having the benefit of going through the education needed to get the license, they are obtaining the driver's license without learning the driving laws of Minnesota. Please make driver's licenses a possibility for immigrants who need them.

Thanks,

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