

**DRIVE THE ECONOMY:  
SUPPORT**

**DRIVER'S LICENSES  
FOR UNDOCUMENTED  
WISCONSINITES**



# **DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR UNDOCUMENTED WISCONSINITES MUST REMAIN IN THE NEW STATE BUDGET!**

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- Generates Income through Fees
- Increases Public Safety
- Strengthens Wisconsin Families,  
Communities and Economy



# DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR UNDOCUMENTED WISCONSINITES WILL:

- **Drive the Economy**

- The Department of Transportation estimates that extending eligibility for driver's licenses and identification cards to people without documents would increase revenues by \$2.9 million in the first full year of implementation.
- Insurance and automotive industries have lost the business of thousands of immigrants who no longer have licenses, and the state DMV has lost the financial contribution of people who are now denied access to its services.

- **Drive Public Safety**

- An alternative driver's license would assure immigrants access to proper road safety, driving test, and automotive insurance. This results in safer roads and lower costs for insured drivers.

- **Drive Immigrants Out of the Shadows**

- Undocumented immigrants in Wisconsin paid an estimated \$156.9 million in federal taxes and \$101.1 million in state and local taxes in 2018 (American Immigration Council).



# THE HISTORY

In 2005 the U.S. Congress passed the Real ID Act, requiring all states to turn driver's licenses into a federal identification card. The Real ID Act took effect in Wisconsin on April 1, 2007. Because driver's licenses are now federal identifications, they require social security numbers. Therefore, people who are undocumented are no longer able to obtain a driver's license or have any other legal way to drive a car in Wisconsin, nor can they purchase car insurance. The federal Real ID Act of 2005 allows individual states to create alternative driver cards for undocumented people. These alternative driver's licenses cannot be used for official federal purposes such as voting, passports, etc. An alternative driver's license is not a driver's license, but it would positively identify the card holder, ensure that driver education and tests were successfully completed, and allow a legal way for people without documents to drive to work, school, church, and shopping. It would also allow for affordable car insurance. **Visit [www.wisdomwisconsin.org](http://www.wisdomwisconsin.org) for more information.**



# WHAT CAN I DO?

- **Submit a written statement** from you and/or your organization expressing your support to office@wisdomwisconsin.org using our sample draft here: <https://bit.ly/39st9OR>
- **Call or email** your local legislator's office and express your support using our script. Find your legislator here: <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/>
- **Volunteer** with WISDOM's Immigration Task Force working to support immigrant rights by emailing office@wisdomwisconsin.org
- **Repost and share** using hashtags:
  - #DriveTheEconomy
  - #SupportDriversLicenses
  - #StandWithImmigrants



# FOR MORE INFO

- Join WISDOM's Immigration Task Force meetings by emailing [office@wisdomwisconsin.org](mailto:office@wisdomwisconsin.org)
- For talking points <https://wisdomwisconsin.org/support-drivers-licenses-for-undocumented-wisconsinites/>
- Subscribe to our mailing list for action alerts on [www.wisdomwisconsin.org](http://www.wisdomwisconsin.org) or here: <https://bit.ly/3t37mEl>
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