

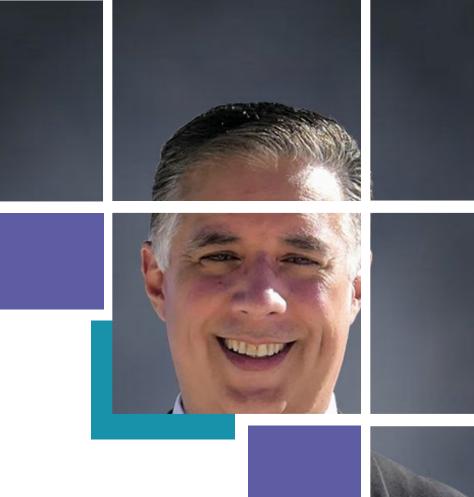
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### Legislative Proposals to Address Wisconsin's Workforce Potential

Enabling Wisconsin's DACA Recipients to Fully Participate

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#### The Worker Shortage Across America

Explore the interactive map below to see the impact of the worker shortage crisis in each state updated September 2023.

	State		
	Wisconsin		~
Worker Shortage Index			
	Least severe Severe	More severe Most severe	
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#### Image Source: U.S. Chamber of Commerce Data Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September 2023

# Wisconsin's Workforce Gap

•Job Openings: **165,000** 

•Unemployed Workers: 89,517

FINDING:

Wisconsin has 54 available workers for every 100 open jobs.



## Immediate Option: Unlock DACA Recipients!

- Estimated 5,800 individuals with deferred action in Wisconsin
- Lawfully allowed to work in drive and work in the United States.
- Graduating from nursing schools, teacher colleges and more and then moving to other states that allow professional licensing.
- Unable to join trades that require professional licenses i.e. electricians, plumbers, etc.





## Who are DACA recipients?

### Deferred Action Childhood Arrival (DACA): What is it & who is eligible?

- A temporary status, not citizenship. Does not provide pathway to citizenship.
- Allows for recipients to work and drive in the U.S.
- Must renew every two (2) years complete with background checks, biometrics, etc.
- Benefits do not apply to family members
- Must pay full taxes including unemployment, social security, etc.



- Arrived in U.S. prior to age 16 without authorization & before June 15, 2012.
- Have resided continuously in U.S. since June 15, 2007.
- Are in school, graduated high school, have GED or have been honorably discharged from the U.S. Coast Guard or U.S. Military.
- Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, three or more misdemeanors & pose no threat to national security or public safety.

## DACA RECIPIENTS NATIONALLY



#### **Statistics:**

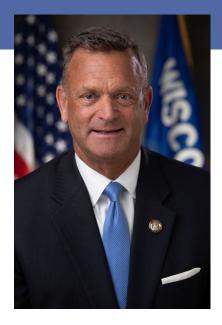
- Approx. 580,000 have Deferred Action nationally
- 89.5% are employed or enrolled in school
- Pay \$9.5 billion annually in taxes
- 17.7% have purchased a home
- 50.9% have purchased a car



#### Where are they employed?

- 343,000 are employed in "Essential Jobs"
  - 34,000 Healthcare
  - 11,000 Maintaining healthcare facilities
  - 20,000 Educators
  - 100,000 Food supply chain
  - 178,000 Other

#### **Bipartisan Sponsors**



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Assembly Bill 820 \$250 Annual Non-Refundable Tax Credit Assembly Bill 821 UW Exemption allowing for In-State Tuition Assembly Bill 822 Allow Professional Licensing

## **DACA Recipients...**

CANNOT GET A PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

CANNOT BE A: Registered Nurse, Teacher, Plumber, Real Estate Agent, Dentist, Cosmetologist, Kickboxing Judge, & More WHO CAN? U.S. Citizens, Refugees, Green Card Holders, Migrant Workers, DACA Recipients that reside in Minnesota.

CANNOT RECEIVE

**IN-STATE TUITION** 

HAVE TO

**EVERY TWO YEARS** 

IS THE CURRENT SYSTEM IN BEST INTEREST OF WISCONSIN & IT'S ECONOMY?

Pay \$495 to apply for their status renewal

Undergo a new background check & more. No.



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