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Representative Aisha Gomez
Minnesota House of Representatives
453 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Representative Gomez -

I want to express my full support of your bill, HF 4, the Driver’s License for All Bill. Thank you for advocacy on this important issue.

Restoring driver’s license and state identification access for our immigrant communities will provide immense benefits to all the residents of the State of Minnesota.

Restoring driver’s license and state ID access will increase the level of safety in our community and trust in law enforcement, as undocumented individuals and their families will have less reason to fear that a traffic stop would result in separation from their families and deportation. Increasing the trust members of the immigrant community have in law enforcement will allow the Minneapolis Police Department to better assist immigrant victims of crime. This legislation will increase the safety of our roads, as more drivers will pass a driving test and purchase auto insurance.

As Chief of the Minneapolis Police Department, I am happy to support this legislation, as it will help our officers in their efforts to create safer communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer the City’s support for this legislation.

Sincerely,

Brian O’Hara
Chief of Police
Minneapolis, MN

