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CSJ Justice Commission General Public Statement RE: Support for SF27

We, the Justice Commission of the Sisters of St. Joseph and Consociates (CSJs), St. Paul Province, **strongly support 'Minnesota Driver's Licenses for All' (SF27)**, as a sign of our solidarity with and commitment to our dear Immigrant Neighbors throughout Minnesota. The CSJs are a community that is “moving always toward the profound love of God and love of neighbor without distinction,” and has a long history of accompanying and serving vulnerable immigrants and refugees. The CSJs Justice Commission, along with many others throughout Minnesota, raise our voices in support of this commonsense legislation that will help keep roads safer for all, benefits families, the economy and the well-being and health of Minnesota's communities.

We are encouraged and grateful to know HF4, the companion bill to SF27, has already passed in the Minnesota House of Representatives. When passed into law, this legislation is good for all Minnesotans. The legislation will potentially impact approximately 81,000 undocumented immigrants in Minnesota. Issuing a Minnesota Driver's Licenses will allow adults to purchase insurance as well as receive drivers education and testing, making Minnesota roads safer for all as many law enforcement agencies have advocated. Advocating for bipartisan legislation that supports **'Minnesota Driver's Licenses for All'** is one way we are responding to the gospel call to welcome the stranger and care for those in need.” Parents/families, employees, and employers in our communities will all benefit greatly from the increased safety and accountability provided by passage of SF27. We ask for your support of SF27.

Thank You,

The Justice Commission of the Sisters of St. Joseph and Consociates, St. Paul Province