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Chair Murphy, Ranking Minority Member Anderson, and members of the Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Committee:

On behalf of the 28,000 members and family members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) Minnesota and North Dakota, I am writing to express our support for Driver's Licenses for All (SF 27 and HF 4).

LIUNA was founded more than a century ago by immigrants struggling for citizenship and trying to improve their lives. These men and women helped build our nation just as many immigrants do today. We believe that all working people deserve respect, dignity, safety and economic opportunity. Restoring requirements for driver's licenses and identification cards to pre-2003 policy will honor workers and their children and families' continued sacrifice and struggle for access to basic needs.

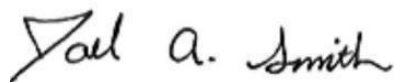
As Minnesota's infrastructure union, LIUNA members build and maintain our state and local highways, roads and bridges, and our members and their families live in communities across the state. By making sure our undocumented neighbors can apply for driver's licenses, complete a vision screening, a skills test, and purchase insurance, we can ensure they can choose to know how to operate a vehicle safely and responsibly, understand the rules of the road and comply with traffic laws. HF 4 and SF 27 will make our members safer.

Driver's Licenses for All will also strengthen local economies by eliminating barriers to education, healthcare and employment, and empower more Minnesotans to contribute to local taxes and spending.

LIUNA is proud to join the diverse mix of community, faith, labor, business, industry and law enforcement organizations and elected officials in supporting passage of this important legislation. Now is the time for Minnesota to join the 18 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico in allowing undocumented immigrants who are essential to moving Minnesota forward the freedom to drive.

Thank you for your consideration.

In Solidarity,



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