



**LAND  
STEWARDSHIP  
PROJECT**

LEWISTON OFFICE  
180 East Main St, Box 130  
Lewiston, MN 55952  
507-523-3366

MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE  
821 East 35<sup>th</sup> St, #200  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
612-722-6377

MONTEVIDEO OFFICE  
117 South 1<sup>st</sup> St  
Montevideo, MN 56265  
320-269-2105

December 21, 2022

Members of the Minnesota Legislature  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Members:

The Land Stewardship Project is dedicated to creating transformational change in our food and farming system. At the core of all our work are the values of stewardship, justice, health, community, and democracy.

**As a farm and rural membership-based organization that works for vibrant rural communities and a sustainable and just farm and food system, we urge you to support restoring the Freedom to Drive in Minnesota.**

We believe that all Minnesotans should have access to driving privileges by being able to apply for and obtain a Minnesota Driver's License, regardless of their immigration status.

We cannot have safe communities, not a just and sustainable farm and food system, without equity for all families, including the many Greater Minnesota immigrants who drive our farm and food system. Under current law, many residents and workers in our state are not being treated as essential part of our communities. Our immigrant neighbors are crucial to rural communities, Greater Minnesota, and our whole state and must not be pushed to and left in the margins.

**Each of our neighbors, no matter where they come from, deserves the same rights and privileges. We urge you to swiftly pass clean legislation to restore the Freedom of Drive in Minnesota.**

On behalf of the 4,500+ households in LSP's membership and LSP's State Policy Steering Committee,

*Amanda N. Koehler*

Amanda Koehler  
LSP Policy Manager  
[akoehler@landstewardshipproject.org](mailto:akoehler@landstewardshipproject.org)  
612-400-6355

Cc: Senate Majority Leader Kari Dziedzic, Senate President Bobby Joe Champion, Senator Zaynab Mohamed, Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman, House Majority Leader Jamie Long, Representative Aisha Gomez, Governor Tim Walz, Lt. Governor Peggy Flannagan