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DAN MILLER
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to voice and show my support of legislation referred to as the Freedom to Drive Bill regarding Minnesota Drivers Licenses and Identification cards. I am aware that this legislation has the potential to allow people with no immigration status in the U.S. to obtain a Minnesota driver's license and/or identification card. To allow people to obtain current, bona fide identification or drivers licenses will only make the state safer and make the jobs that we do as law enforcement easier.

I believe that by licensing all people, the roads will be safer in the fact that in order to get that license, drivers training would be completed. Having licensed people operating on the roadways will make it easier for the state of Minnesota to keep track of traffic violations if ever incurred and will allow law enforcement the ability to better track those violators. I also believe that by having people obtain driver's licenses or identification, it will be easier for us to identify people if the need should arise.

Many of the people this would affect already operate vehicles to get to work and for personal reasons. With the usual fees assessed at DVS offices, the money can be put back into the very road improvements that they, and we, all travel on. To have safer drivers and more accountability, I fully support this legislation and highly suggest that the state look at passing this into law. As an outstate county Sheriff, I see many benefits for passing this and no negative reasons to not. Please consider the proposal before you to make Minnesota a safer state!

Respectively,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Soyka".

Sheriff Steve Soyka

Stearns County

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