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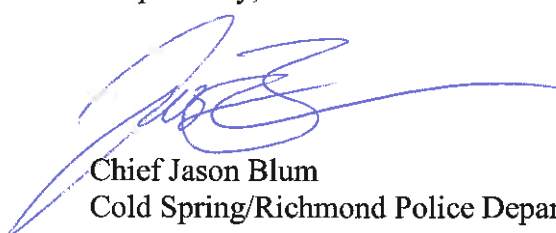
To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to show my support of the House Bill "Freedom for all to drive document", regarding Minnesota driver's license and identification cards. I am aware that this bill 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 identification or driver's license 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 because to obtain a license, driver's training would have to be completed. Having licensed people operating on the roadways will make it easier for the State of Minnesota to keep track of traffic violations and will allow law enforcement to better track those violators. I also believe that by having people obtain a driver's license or identifications, it will also 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 support this bill and recommend that the state look at passing this into law. As a Chief of Police, I see many benefits for passing this and no reason not to support it. Please consider the proposal before you which would make Minnesota roads safer.

Respectfully,


Chief Jason Blum
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