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Members of the Minnesota House of Representatives and Senate
c/o Representative Brad Tabke
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155-1298

Re: Support for House File 4 Driver's Licenses for All

Dear Members of the Minnesota House of Representatives and Senate:

The Shakopee Police Department is committed to providing service with integrity and professionalism to our community. Our mission of community orientated policing is something our department takes pride in and continually strives to do our best at for all citizens of our city. I have been the Chief of Police of Shakopee for 14 years and can say that House File 4, Driver's License for All will support our efforts within the community by affording every person the opportunity to obtain a driver's license.

Many of our non- licensed immigrant drivers work at area businesses and have no other means to get to work other than to drive illegally without a driver's license and most times without insurance. Unlicensed drivers not only endanger themselves but endanger society as a whole. If a crash occurs and the driver is unlicensed they more than likely do not have insurance. This law would help individuals who need to drive learn the rules of the road through written and driving tests and safely learn how to operate a motor vehicle. Since it is mandatory for all licensed drivers in Minnesota to carry insurance, a decrease in uninsured motorists is a benefit of this law.

By allowing immigrant driver's licenses to be issued, members of our community can safely travel to their jobs, help their children get to and from school and drive to activities and appointments safely and with confidence. Also, by allowing undocumented citizens to obtain a driver's license, our officers will also know the identity of the individuals we encounter.

House File 4 will help increase the public safety of our community and our roads. I recommend that you support this bill and allow every Minnesotan the opportunity to obtain a driver's license.

Sincerely,

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