

Strangers No Longer

A network of Circles of Support in Catholic parishes in Michigan, schools, and immigrant communities formed to support our immigrant neighbors and to advocate for a comprehensive and humane immigration policy.



Do you realize that over 100,000 people who live, work, raise children, and pay taxes in Michigan do not have access to a driver's license or state ID due to their immigration status?

YOU CAN vastly improve the every day lives of immigrants by helping to get the **Drive Safe bills**, which will correct this injustice, passed by our state legislature. It will take less than 60 seconds.

The newly revised **Drive Safe bills** were introduced April and are in committee. We need your help to insure that they are finally passed and signed by the governor.

SIMPLY [CLICK HERE](#), and give us your contact information including your home address. With your address, we will be able to determine your legislators and keep you up to date on the status of their support for these bills. We will contact you in the future when we need you to contact your state representative and senator.

Why are the **Drive Safe bills** important?

Do you realize that over 100,000 people who live, work, raise children, and pay taxes in Michigan do not have access to a driver's license or state ID due to their immigration status? Think of the problems that arise simply by not having a valid form of identification. You can't drive to work, your children to school, or go to the grocery store. You don't have an acceptable ID at some pharmacies. Enrolling your children in school becomes a problem.



Do you also realize that, until 2008, these individuals were eligible for these forms of ID? We took that right away from them. Since then, some Michigan legislators have introduced legislation, known as the **Drive Safe bills**, to reinstate that right at every new legislative session but have not even been able to get a hearing in committee.

According to immigrants we work with, the inability to drive in Michigan is the number one problem they face. We have heard personal testimony about the daily problems resulting from not having a driver's license and the emotional trauma that comes from being treated as "less" or as a "societal problem" instead of as a person who contributes to our community and economy.

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