Sample Email Script for Contacting Your Legislator – August 2023

Dear XXXXXX,

My name is _____ and I live in your district in _____. I am a member of Strangers No Longer, a Catholic based, state-wide, non-profit organization advocating for the rights of immigrants in Michigan.

I am writing to urge you to vote in favor of (*fill in either* House bills 4410, 4411 and 4412 *or* Senate bills 265, 266, and 267) which are known as the Drive Safe bills. These bills will restore the right of individuals who can prove their identity to obtain a driver's license or state ID regardless of immigration status. This right existed prior to 2008.

Voting for these bills is the right thing to do. Approximately 100,000 residents of Michigan who do not have U.S. citizenship status play a vital role in the farming, auto, service and manufacturing industries. As you know, driving is essential to everyday living in Michigan. It seems we are willing to accept work that our immigrant neighbors will do while making it as hard as possible for them to do it. It is time to right this wrong.

These bills will not allow people who are not U.S. citizens to vote. Attached you will find a 4-page FAQ from the Secretary of State's office that talks about how they will handle the features of the Drive Safe bills, including how they will ensure that non-citizens will not be allowed to vote.

Some legislators have asked how Michigan law enforcement views the Drive Safe bills. I am attaching a letter from Eli Savit, Washtenaw County Prosecutor, in support of the Drive Safe bills based on safety issues for all residents of Michigan.

If you would like to learn more about this issue, if you would like to meet some of our members affected by this legislation, or if we can help in any other way, please call on us. I can be reached at: **(GIVE YOUR PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS.)**

I urge you, _____, to do the right thing and restore the right to a driver's license or state ID card to people who are living, working, paying taxes, and contributing to our communities.