

Sample Email Script for Advocacy Day May 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 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. The Secretary of State already has procedures in place to issue driver's licenses to non-citizens without registering them to vote.

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.