

Dear Speaker Wentworth and Representative Lilly,

[My name is ____]. I currently live in _____ Michigan. I am proud of the beautiful state we live in; the state's history in the automobile industry, and how everyone has supported one other during this pandemic. And yet, we continue to deny many communities the opportunity to drive safely and freely with drivers licenses. It has been over a decade, and we have hundreds of thousands of Michiganders unable to drive. You can help your fellow Michiganders by doing one thing; We urge you to reschedule the hearing for the Drive SAFE bills (HB 4835 & 4836). We can create a safer Michigan that not only will give residents a license, but will also open up new opportunities:

- 1) Drivers will be able to obtain car insurance and help generate income for the state and make it more likely to have a driver stop when they get in a traffic accident.
- 2) Drivers will now be able to take driving lessons to learn how to better follow traffic laws
- 3) Improve relations with law enforcement and no more fear of being pulled over for something as simple as a faulty brake light
- 4) To drive like any other resident here in Michigan-without fear that they will be separated from their families.

Together, we can make Michigan a place where freedom is for everyone: whether you are Black, Indigenous, undocumented, working-class, or otherwise marginalized. We all want the right to care for our loved ones and to move freely without feeling like a target. There have been too many instances of law enforcement stopping a person for the color of their skin, speaking a foreign language, having an accent, or for living in a "high crime" neighborhood. Our Immigrant community deserves BETTER. We all need the right to obtain a driver's license, regardless of how long we've been here or what documentation we have.

Speaker Wentworth and Representative Lily, give HB 4835 & HB 4836 a hearing this year to create a better Michigan for ALL..

Sincerely,

[Name]/[A concerned Michigander]