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Dear faithful advocates,

This is a key time to ask your legislators and the Joint Finance Committee to support keeping the provision for undocumented Wisconsinites to obtain drivers' licenses in the State Budget.

The REAL ID Act was passed by Congress in 2005, enacting the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the Federal Government set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses. This has created a great burden for undocumented Wisconsinites. "In the agricultural industry, a mainstay of Wisconsin's economy, both the [Dairy Business Association](#) (DBA) and the [Wisconsin Farmers Union](#) (WFU) support providing driver's licenses to non-citizens," according to a [Wisconsin Public Radio article](#). Some important points:

- This is the humane thing to do at any time, but especially when considering how many of our frontline workers who are undocumented have served our state during the pandemic.
- Undocumented employees pay taxes on their income.
- This would help more people to gain and keep employment.
- 16 states and Washington, D.C. include this provision.
- State revenue would increase if more people would purchase driver's licenses. Businesses such as car dealerships and insurance companies would also benefit.
- Owners of farms, construction companies, and factories, which often employ undocumented workers, would benefit.

Thank you for your advocacy.

Blessings,

Team LOPPW