Expand License Access

Expanding access to lawful driving regardless of immigration status strengthens families and communities.

Virginians are safer when more of the drivers on our roads are trained, tested, licensed, and insured.

13 states and the District of Columbia will allow unauthorized immigrants to obtain driver’s licenses or some other form of driver’s card by the end of 2019, and another state will implement driver's license access regardless of immigration status in January 2021.

Since 1994, early adopter states have all seen greater than 12% drops in traffic fatalities, compared to a 9% national decrease.

Beyond increased road safety, expanding driver’s licenses would allow immigrants to more fully contribute to communities.

Getting more drivers licensed also improves our communities and economy. Driving is a necessity for most families, not a choice. Expanding access to licenses would help parents get to parent-teacher conferences, families get to church, and workers get to their jobs.

For more details, see TCI’s report, Hands on the Wheel, at http://bit.ly/RemovingDLBarriers