

**PRO: Arguments and support for issuing conditional driver's licenses and identification cards regardless of immigration status:**

- \* Enhances the ability of the LWVMI and local Leagues to advocate for a more robust position on Agricultural Migrant/Seasonal Worker issues.
- \* Increases workforce and economic participation by making it easier for individuals to travel to work, shop, access health care and social services, rent an apartment, purchase insurance, open a bank account.
- \* Meets agriculture sector's need for farm workers with driver's licenses.
- \* Mitigates the lack of public transportation designed to get workers to job sites within the county.
- \* Promotes public safety by ensuring that drivers are trained, screened and tested; law enforcement will more efficiently and effectively identify individuals they stop.
- \* Widens the insurance pool and lower costs for all Michigan residents because licensed and insured drivers submit fewer claims.
- \* Increases state revenue through vehicle registration and taxes on insurance premiums and car purchases.
- \* Improves the quality of life by encouraging participation in community and church activities.
- \* Decreases the fear factor in the work force facilitating cooperation with law enforcement.
- \* Creates a positive climate for workers and makes Michigan more competitive in recruiting and retaining workers.
- \* Legal advocates can apprise an individual regarding the risks associated with seeking any type of benefit generally afforded only to US citizens or persons with valid visa status.
- \* Eliminates potential for fraud as it carries a distinguishing mark and a printed message explaining that it is a driving-only license and is not be used for any other purpose, such as voting or obtaining state or federal benefits.

## **PRO RESOURCES:**

Michigan farmers want to bring back driver's licenses for migrant workers

[http://www.mlive.com/business/west-michigan/index.ssf/2016/12/michigan\\_farmers\\_seek\\_looser\\_r.html](http://www.mlive.com/business/west-michigan/index.ssf/2016/12/michigan_farmers_seek_looser_r.html)

Factors Influencing Number of Alternative Driver Licenses Issued by

States <http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/analysis/2015/11/23/factors-influencing-the-number-of-alternative-drivers-licenses-issued-by-states>

States Continue to Expand Immigrants' Access to Driver's Licenses (Provides a brief review of state success in issuing driver's licenses) <https://cliniclegal.org/resources/newsletter/states-continue-expand-immigrants-access-drivers-licenses>

605,000 undocumented immigrants received drivers licenses last year (California licensing success) <http://www.dailynews.com/2016/01/27/605000-undocumented-immigrants-received-drivers-licenses-last-year/>

There's been a boom in driver's licenses issued to immigrants here illegally (California licensing success - personal comments) <http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-0208-immigrant-drivers-licenses-20160208-story.html>

Lawsuit Challenging Government's Failure to Disclose Information Regarding U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Participation in Domestic Law Enforcement Activities <https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/news/lawsuit-challenging-governments-failure-disclose-information-regarding-us-customs-and-border>