

# WORK & FAMILY MOBILITY ACT BECOMES EVEN MORE CRITICAL DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

## SAFE & HEALTHY ESSENTIAL WORKERFORCE



Immigrants make up a significant portion of the essential workforce, like agricultural, janitorial work, and health care, which keep our society and economy going. Without access to driver's licenses, immigrants are limited to travel via public transportation to and from work without the possibility of social distancing. Everyone deserves the opportunity to have safe and reliable transportation options during this pandemic.

#### **COVID-19 TESTING**



COVID-19 testing has increased with drive-thru operations that require the ability to drive a car in order to get tested. Without a driver's license, much of the essential immigrant workforce and immigrant communities are not able to access this necessary form of healthcare. We need to ensure that everyone across the state has equitable access to COVID-19 testing so that our immigrant communities are not disproportionately affected by this public health crisis.

#### **FOOD ACCESS**



Food is a necessity of our everyday lives. The current pandemic has disrupted many people's access to basic needs -- many facing limited access to transportation to and from grocery stores and others having to rely on food banks miles away from home and to provide themselves and their families with adequate food supplies. This disproportionally affects communities that do not have the opportunity to obtain a driver's license.

### HEALTHCARE & VACCINE ACCESS



A driver's license would give families and children reliable access to healthcare and COVID vaccines. In this current pandemic, the well-being of our communities is at stake. It is dire that we ensure everyone has the opportunity to access necessary and life dependent medical care without putting themselves, their families, and others at greater risks.

## NO SOCIAL DISTANCING ON PUBLIC TRANSIT



During a pandemic, public transit is not the most safe or viable option for transportation and increases a person's risk of exposure. As more people are heading back to work -- crowding on public transit will increase week by week. Everyone deserves to have security, to be healthy, and to be able to transport themselves and their families in their own cars without putting themselves at risk for greater exposure.

## SAFE TRANSPORTATION FOR OUR CHILDREN



During a pandemic, public school buses are not the most safe or viable option for transportation and increases children's and families' risk of exposure to the virus. Everyone deserves to be able to transport themselves and their families to and from school without putting themselves at risk for greater exposure.

### **FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN**



Our food chain depends on immigrant labor. Immigrants disproportionately work in the agriculture field and are shuttled from farm to farm in crowded passenger mini-vans just to get to and from work due to lack of access to driver's licenses.

Farm workers are keeping our economy moving during this pandemic and deserve the right to stay healthy and get to work easily and safely.