

Good afternoon Chief Maynard, Chief Guerra and members of The Transportation Committee, my name is Antonia , I live in Stamford .Ct 06905. I am here to testify in favor of the bill N°6037, an act relating to the issuance of a license to operate motor vehicle for certain immigrants. My Name is Antonia Better-Wirz and I'm an immigrant from Colombia. I've been a USA Citizen for about 18 years. As a busy working mother of three boys I frequently drive my kids to doctor appointments, school and after school activities, as well as to the grocery store and other places because I don't have childcare and I work full time.

This letter is to write in support of the Bill of HB6037 and to talk to you about another busy mom like me, who is a single and undocumented immigrant.

Maria Elena is an undocumented immigrant from Guatemala and the mother of two beautiful USA citizen girls, ages 2 and 4. Maria Elena is a hard working mother and like me wants what is best for her children. Maria Elena also needs to take her girls to doctor's appointments, as well as to daycare, so she can go to work and provide for them. Maria Elena also needs to go to the grocery store but she has to take the bus or walk with her young children while carrying her groceries by hand to her home. Next fall Mari Elena's older daughter will be entering kindergarten at her district school, which is about 30 minutes away from her home

If we pass the Bill Maria Elena and her girls will have a better opportunity and her living conditions will be much better. Maria Elena will be able to participate in her girls' education by assisting with their school. The girls will not miss doctor's appointments and Maria Elena won't have to be taking the bus carrying groceries and her two girls.

Please make her dream come true and help her to improve the quality of life of her girls as well as many mothers or fathers like Maria Elena who have to live in these conditions. The only thing they want is to provide for the families.

I'd also like to let you know that my life is no different than Maria Elena and her girls; the only sad thing is that she can't drive.

Antonia Better-Wirz