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Testimony of State Representative Angel Arce  
Transportation Committee

House Bill #6037, An Act Concerning The Issuance of A Motor Vehicle Operator's License  
To Certain Immigrants

Good morning Chairman Maynard, Chairman Guerrero and members of the Transportation Committee. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to address the committee this morning. I am State Representative Angel Arce and I represent the 4th Assembly District in Hartford. I am here to testify in favor of House Bill 6037, An Act Concerning the Issuance of a Motor Vehicle Operator's License to Certain Immigrants.

As a son of parents who came to work the tobacco fields from Puerto Rico, and having lived and faced the challenges of migrant workers, I am in full support of this legislation. Many people feel uncomfortable when talking about giving what some consider, unearned benefits to illegal individuals. As I stand before you in support of this proposed measure, I am not talking about immigration reform, or handing benefits that some people consider privileged.

What I am supporting here today, is a simple measure to allow individuals who are on the road everyday traveling with their families; and to and from their jobs to make a living and pay taxes, to be able to get their licenses and then register their automobiles so their only means of transportation are not taken away.

More than just an immigration hand out, as some might label it; this is a measure to keep our roads safer. Having every motorist legally driving on our busy streets is a win-win situation for all of us. This should not be considered a green light to change immigration status; it is simply a way to allow these individuals to drive legally in registered cars and paying their property taxes.

I don't think this measure will have any effect on the undocumented "legal status." It will only bring peace of mind not only to them, but to all the other motorists as well.

Thank you for your consideration and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Angel Arce".

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