

Ines and Severo, New Haven

Hello my name is Ines, Severo is my husband. He is an undocumented immigrant from Mexico. He doesn't have a license and it is affecting both of us. I am applying to be a child care provider and it's not going well because I didn't know that getting a ticket goes on your criminal record. So now I have problems with the Department of Public Health because I didn't report his criminal record, when I didn't even know that he had one. Because of this, I may not be able to receive my family child care license, and my dream of opening a child care in my home will be severely hindered.

Severo is a good, hardworking guy and I don't understand why it is so hard for him to get a license. He has not done anything that many of us even consider to be a crime. He has gotten four tickets for driving without a license, and each time it is because he has gotten stopped at checkpoints. He has paid each fine in full and on time. I support the proposed law to give undocumented people the opportunity to become licensed drivers so that they can have better job opportunities and help their families live better lives.