

Resolution to support the Drive SAFE Bills in the Michigan Legislature

Whereas, the safety of Michigan roads is vital to the state's future; and

Whereas, licensed drivers promote public safety by making sure that all drivers be properly tested, licensed, and insured; and

Whereas, licensed drivers widen the insurance pool and lower costs for all Michigan drivers; and

Whereas, licensed drivers increase state revenues through vehicle registration and taxes; and

Whereas, having a driver's license makes it possible for all residents to have access to economic and educational opportunities, to go to work, to shop, to visit a doctor, etc.; and

Whereas, having a driver's license is particularly essential to residents in rural Michigan, where public transportation is unavailable; and

Whereas, the State of Michigan had, until 2008, provided access to state driver's licenses to all state residents who could meet the requirements of insurability, knowledge and driving safety; and

Whereas, federal law, including the REAL ID Act does not prevent the State of Michigan from issuing driver's licenses for state purposes.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Kent County Democratic Party of Michigan supports restoring driving rights to all Michigan residents, regardless of immigration status by passing House Bills 4410-4412 and Senate Bills 265-268, also known as the Drive SAFE Bills.