



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Richard D. McLellan, Chair
Michigan Law Revision Commission
P.O. Box 30036
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Dear Richard,

As per our conversation, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson herself is the daughter of an immigrant and a supporter of both a diverse community and one that welcomes legal immigrants who want to make Michigan their home.

To that end, our department provides excellent access to resources and services for all of Michigan's residents. Below, please find examples of how we specifically support Michigan's immigrant communities:

- **Remove language barriers.** MDOS maintains a list of approved interpreters to assist customers who need a test read aloud in their native language and a list of providers who are able to translate documents from languages other than English. The driver's license written knowledge test is available in 16 languages with English and Spanish versions available on audiotape.
- **Refugee and immigrant outreach.** MDOS staff participates in conferences and coalitions that support the needs of these communities. That includes the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Refugee Advisory Council, ACCESS, Lutheran Social Services, the Archdioceses of Detroit and organizations that assist migrant and seasonal farm workers.
- **Limited-term licenses.** Michigan issues limited-term driver's licenses to residents who have temporary legal presence. The limited-term license is valid for as long as the person is authorized to be in the country.
- **College and university visits.** Our mobile office visits colleges and universities around the state to offer a convenient way to apply for a driver's license or state ID card on-site.

- **Registering eligible voters.** There's no better way for new citizens to celebrate than to register to exercise one of our fundamental rights and responsibilities: voting. That's why in 2014, staff attended 21 ceremonies and registered nearly 800 new citizens to vote. So far in 2015, staff has attended 18 ceremonies and registered about 640 new citizens.

Under Secretary Johnson's leadership, our department continues to find ways to make Michigan a welcoming state to legal immigrants who contribute so much to our economy, culture and way of life. Please let us know if you require additional information or have suggestions on how we can meet our common goals.

Sincerely,



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