

VDLFA: Will rally at the Wisconsin State Capitol for emergency day of action

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MADISON – Today, Thursday, May 6, 2021, Voces de La Frontera Action will host an emergency statewide rally at the Wisconsin State Capitol. The decision to mobilize came after the announcement that anti-immigrant Republicans in the Joint Finance Committee are planning to remove the provision in the Governor’s budget proposal that restores access to state driver licenses and state IDs for immigrants, as well tuition equity for Wisconsin immigrant youth from the state budget.

Despite the short notice, Voces has mobilized hundreds of statewide members, community leaders, religious leaders and elected officials to be in attendance in Madison today, Thursday, May 6, and make their case before the Joint Finance Committee.

Buses and cars coming from all over the state will arrive at the Capitol by 9:00 am CST.

A rally will take place inside the Capitol around 10:00 am, outside of RM 412 East. Then Voces members and allies will participate in the Joint Finance Committee Meeting starting at 11 am in RM 412 East and make their case for keeping the drivers license & tuition equity in the state budget.

Eduardo Perea, an immigrant essential worker and VDLFA member from Milwaukee said, “There was a time in Wisconsin when we could have drivers licenses, but that was taken away from us in 2007. Not having a driver’s license makes it extremely

hard for us to do our jobs and our daily routines like taking our kids to school or going to the store. We face discrimination when we are looking for jobs, and fear deportation when we are just trying to do our jobs. We are asking for the opportunity to continue doing the jobs we already do, but safer and better.”

DATE: Thursday, May 6, 2021

TIME:

10:00 am CST – Rally with speakers inside the Capitol, outside of RM 412 East

11:00 am CST – Voces members & allies (religious & community leaders, elected officials, children of immigrants) participate in the Joint Finance Committee Meeting in RM 412 East and make their case for keeping the drivers license and tuition equity access in the state budget.

LOCATION: The Wisconsin State Capitol, Madison, WI. Rally outside of RM 412 East inside the Capitol. The Joint Finance Committee Meeting will be held in RM 412 East.

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VISUALS: “Driver Licenses For All” campaign T-shirts, banners, and signs. Art designed by Jeanette Arellano. See image below.

SOCIAL: Livestreams and other social media updates will be available on Facebook [@Voces delaFronteraAction](https://www.facebook.com/VocesdelaFronteraAction)