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### **LULAC WISCONSIN PRAISES STATEMENT BY MILWAUKEE POLICE CHIEF ALFONSO MORALES REGARDING DRIVERS PERMITS FOR IMMIGRANTS!**

**Milwaukee** – At the LULAC National Convention Wisconsin Celebration, Governor Tony Evers and Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett shared their support for legislation that would allow immigrants to get a Wisconsin State issued drivers permit. Milwaukee Police Department Chief Alfonso Morales, for the first time publicly stated his support for such legislation.

“We want to thank Milwaukee Police Department Chief Alfonso Morales for making this smart law enforcement position” stated LULAC Wisconsin State Director Eileen Figueroa. “The facts are clear, when you look at data from the thirteen (13) states and the District of Columbia where they have implemented such legislation, there is a dramatic improvement in road safety, not to mention accelerated economic growth. In Colorado, they have realized such improvement they have allocated additional funds to get more driving with drivers permits,” she added.

Darryl Morin, Past LULAC National VP-Midwest stated “In California, they realized a reduction of approximately 4,000 hit-and-run incidents. This not only allowed law enforcement to focus more resources on serious crimes, but it also eliminated millions of dollars in out-of-pocket expenses as there was a dramatic increase in the number of motorists driving with insurance. “ A 2017 Stanford University study found that drivers permits for immigrants saved \$3.5 million in out-of-pocket expense and transferred \$17 million in costs to at-fault drivers. “From a public safety perspective, it also gives law enforcement and first responders the information they need to quickly identify an individual, evaluate the situation and provide the appropriate response, making us all safer. This would be good for Wisconsin” Morin added.

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