

Hello I'm Carol Marisol Lara. I am part of the USD 259 leadership program. I am 13 years old. I go to Mead Middle School in Wichita Kansas and I'm in 8<sup>th</sup> grade soon to be a freshman. In the leadership program I am a Master Sargent and am recognized for being the best cadet in the district, I have been chosen to go receive a reward at the Wichita Courthouse, and I have 3 letters boughten from Washington DC that are signed by Barak Obama and Donald Trump. One of the things that the leadership program has shown me is to help others and get involved in their needs. I have also learned to work for all of the people's rights. Leadership has helped me understand other people and understand their needs. At my school I am the core commander in the leadership program and I am in charge of all of the cadets making sure their ok.

I've been talking too much about myself, but that's not why I'm here. I'm here to talk about all of the problems that undocumented people have cause due to not having a driver's license. When someone is involved in a car accident, they automatically feel guilty. Guilty or not guilty they feel like they have no rights to say because the people don't have the opportunity to say their side of the story or defend themselves because they're scared. Lots of people drive without a license and don't know the laws of driving, putting lots of lives at risk that's why it's necessary that they give opportunities to undocumented people for driver's license. Also, if they have the opportunity to take the drives license test, they could know the laws of driving and all people that drive are evaluated by the driver's license department so that its safe for everyone to drive. I personally know lots of people who drive without a license, who drive everyday to go to work, drop their kid off at school, to go to the doctors, and they drive with fear and unsafe because they know they are breaking the laws.

My cousin Fernando Hernandez didn't have a driver license, so he had to put his truck under someone else's name who had a driver's license. When they went to get the tags made for his truck, they didn't realize that the worker was putting the information wrong and made a mistake. Months later the police pulled him over and accused him of having a false tag although he did nothing wrong. The police took him under arrest and the next day he was handed over to immigration for not having legal documents. The government only cared about my cousin not having documents they didn't care about the false tags anymore. 3 months later he was deported. My cousin was a hardworking man, always honest, and dedicated to whatever he does. My cousin came her due to the violence of his country and only wanted an opportunity and that was token

away. For me this is an opportunity to speak for their rights. I am a child who will speak and use the voice I have for those who can't use their own because their scared. I will use my voice for those who can't come out on their own. Thank you for listening to my speech.

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