Let's keep young professionals in Nebraska

Yes to LB-947!

What is LB-947?

1. This bill will ensure that talented Nebraskans who have work authorization can obtain a professional license to practice their profession and contribute fully to our state.

2. It would build upon last year’s driver’s license legislation that drew strong bipartisan support in the Legislature and from communities across the state.

Why is it important?

1. Talented immigrant youth --who grew up in Nebraska and have work authorization --face a barrier to fully contributing to their communities: they cannot obtain their professional licenses. This prevents some youth from being able to practice the profession that best matches their talents - anything from engineering to cosmetology, health care to accounting.

2. It’s good for our communities to have people work in areas that best match their skills which, grow our economy and increase revenues for the state.

3. We want someone who is passionate about health care or teaching to work in those areas, and not be forced to give up on the profession that makes the most of their skills and passions.

4. Nebraska’s highly skilled DACA youth are being sent the message that they are not welcome. Let us keep the talents of young immigrant Nebraskans in the state where they can invest those talents in our communities.

What can we do to help?

LB 947 makes sense because it will ensure that Nebraska residents who are work authorized can obtain a professional license and contribute to our state. The talented DACA youth and other individuals who are affected by this bill are great assets to our state.

It is in the best interest of our state to make full use of all the talents in Nebraska, and LB-947 will ensure that most work-authorized DACA youth can obtain a professional license to practice their profession in Nebraska, the state they have always called home.
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA):

DACA recipients are young individuals who were brought to the United States as children and who after a careful application process have been granted relief from deportation and a temporary work permit.

DACA recipients are considered lawfully present in the United States under federal law.

LB 947 would ensure that DACA youth and similarly situated individuals with work-authorization (such as some victims of domestic violence or people fleeing persecution or humanitarian disasters) can obtain their professional license to contribute to Nebraska communities.

There is broad support for LB 947, including:
Nebraska Cattlemen Association | Nebraska Restaurant Association | Young Nebraskans in Action | League of Women Voters of Lincoln & Lancaster County | Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Omaha | Nebraska Hospital Association | Justice for Our Neighbors | Heartland Workers Center | Latino Center of the Midlands | Latino American Commission | Nebraska Appleseed | Centro Hispano Comunitario | Unity in Action | Nebraska Retail Federation | and many others.