Immigration Update:

- Early last year, the Illinois House passed SB 957 during the January lame-duck session. Undocumented immigrants in Illinois can now get a Temporary Visitor Driver’s License (TVDL), which is different from a regular Illinois license and is not valid for identification. It does allow users to drive legally.
- In June, a comprehensive immigration reform bill (S. 744, the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act), which includes a path to citizenship for the over 11 million undocumented immigrants in the US, passed the U.S. Senate in a strong bipartisan vote. Now the White House is putting pressure on the House of Representatives to take on comprehensive immigration reform that would include a similar path to citizenship. **LWVUS supports comprehensive immigration reform.**
- In November, LWVIL sent out a targeted TFA asking League members in the 6th Congressional District to contact Congressman Peter Roskam asking him to support comprehensive immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship. Additionally, local League presidents in the same district signed letters to editors in support of comprehensive immigration reform.
- Also in November, Attorney General Lisa Madigan’s office sent out a warning to Illinois residents to avoid scams related to the roll out of the Temporary Visitor Driver’s Licenses.
- Late last year, House Speaker Boehner announced that the House of Representatives will not negotiate with the Senate on their immigration bill and that they most likely will not be able to address immigration until 2014.
- January 2014, the House Republicans will soon release a list of Principles which will be a guide and a barometer for their membership as they plan to address immigration reform on a piece by piece basis.
- Recent news from around the country: Other states are providing ways for undocumented immigrants to drive legally, get in-state tuition for colleges and universities, and just recently, the CA Supreme Court allowed an undocumented immigrant to be licensed to practice law in CA. Additionally, some states are passing legislation protecting all but the serious and dangerous undocumented offenders in regard to detaining and deporting.

**What you can do?**

Encourage your Congressional Representative to support comprehensive immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship.