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PETITIONING:

President Donald Trump
Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolf
Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross
U.S. Census Bureau Director Dr. Steven Dillingham
Members of Congress

Immigrant communities count!

To ensure a complete Census 2020, we call on DHS to suspend all immigration enforcement activities prior to and during the Census.

We need to protect immigrant inclusion in the 2020 Census and ensure our communities participate without fear and intimidation. A full and accurate count is essential to the integrity of our communities, providing critical population data that will determine access to essential services, federal funding allocations, and political representation.

While the citizenship question was blocked from being added to the Census form in 2019, the Trump Administration's effort to insert this question has further instilled fear and confusion and may deter immigrants and mixed-status immigrant households from participating in the Census. And now, the Administration has announced that more enforcement agents are being sent to Sanctuary Cities during February through May -- a peak period for the roll-out and conduct of the Census.

Federal law prohibits the sharing of personal information from the Census -- but this is little comfort to communities besieged by aggressive immigration enforcement activities.

To maximize immigrant and mixed-status households' participation in Census 2020, we demand a complete suspension of all immigration enforcement activities prior to and during the Census 2020.

We demand DHS suspend all enforcement actions against immigrants prior to and during the 2020 Census.

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