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Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

I write to express my deep concern regarding your memorandum on the Decennial Census that seeks to exclude the counting of undocumented immigrants for the purpose of apportionment. This is yet another unconstitutional and cynical attempt by your Administration to sabotage the Decennial Census and intimidate immigrants.

The Census Bureau already faces enormous obstacles due to the current pandemic to discharge its duty to conduct an accurate count. A more productive approach would be to ensure that the Census Bureau has adequate supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other materials to safely conduct its operations.

An accurate accounting of those present in our nation during the Decennial Census is critically important and constitutionally required. The Census determines the allocation of federal funding to states and localities each year, influences the accuracy of decisions made across all levels of government and businesses of all sizes, and is key to the reapportionment process. A flawed, and in this case, intentionally skewed Decennial Census would be disastrous for our nation. As such, I urge that you rescind this memorandum immediately.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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