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Trump Issues Fraudulent Executive Order Against Immigrants in Census

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The immigrant community again is being targeted by the president of the country they love and sought out. Although not born in the United States of America, immigrants have gone the extra mile and made the proactive decision to come to the U.S. to build a better life.

And now, President Trump has issued a fraudulent executive order claiming that undocumented immigrants will not be counted in the 2020 Census results for the purposes of determining reapportionment and federal subsidies / benefits sent to state and local jurisdictions.

Congressional action has been swift, with a hearing this Wednesday in the House of Representatives. In addition, NAC supports legislation by Congresswoman Grace Meng (D-NY) that was introduced after the order was announced. The "No Funds for Apportionment Exclusion Act" would prohibit federal funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the President's plan.

Not only is this last minute plan sowing confusion at the Census Bureau and on the ground, but it is almost certainly an unlawful move. For those who have not participated in the Census yet, this will have a chilling effect. I'm sure that's a goal. The other goal is to flat out limit federal support to communities that are heavily immigrant.

But to what end? To exacerbate fears? To make building a better life even more difficult? Here again, the vulnerable will suffer.

As Catholics, our faith calls us to action. We must remember that America encompasses people who are entitled and people who are disenfranchised. They all matter; they all must be counted not just as a number, but as part of the equation of federal support.

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