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2020 Census Statement

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United Neighborhood Houses, the association of NYC's 39 settlement houses and neighborhood centers reaching over 750,000 New Yorkers every year, strongly opposes the Trump Administration's decision to include a citizenship question on the 2020 Census. It is clear that the sole goal of this unethical decision is to intimidate immigrant communities from participating in our national Census—and the result of an undercount of NYC's residents will hurt all New Yorkers.

From potentially costing the State and City billions in federal dollars, many of which originated as income taxes paid by New Yorkers' of all citizenship statuses, to a possible loss in the State's Congressional representation, deliberately suppressing Census participation will have a detrimental impact on our country's political and economic well-being. We call on Congress to remove the citizenship question from the Census and for the Administration to represent the interests of all Americans by focusing their energy on planning an efficient, well-resourced and representative count of our country's vibrant and diverse communities.

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