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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

STATE OF NEW YORK, et al., Plaintiffs, v. TRUMP, et al., Defendants.	20-CV-5770 (JMF) DECLARATION OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SUSAN BYSIEWICZ

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, Susan Bysiewicz, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated herein.

2. I am Lieutenant Governor for the State of Connecticut. I have served as Lieutenant Governor since 2019.

3. Working towards an accurate Connecticut census count has been a priority of mine since I came into office in January 2019. As the Lieutenant Governor and as Chair of the statewide Connecticut Complete Count Committee for the past year and a half, I have encouraged municipalities, elected officials, and a broad array of stakeholders to also be involved and engaged in this important work – particularly our cities with hard to count Census tracts.

4. It is estimated that 22% of Connecticut's population lives in hard-to-count areas, which are pockets that the Census Bureau has defined as having had a low census-tracked response rate. These hard-to-count areas tend to be urban areas with large transient populations, multi-family housing, communities of color, and relatively large immigrant populations. Notably, one in seven Connecticut residents is an immigrant, while one in six residents is a

native-born U.S. citizen with at least one immigrant parent.

5. In February of 2019, I announced the formation of the Connecticut Complete Count Committee. The Connecticut Complete Count Committee is an advisory panel of community leaders who represent diverse populations from across the state – including elected officials, faith leaders, community health centers, chambers of commerce, community activists and heads of housing authorities. The members have helped cities and towns maximize their local efforts, assisted in the establishment of more than 155 local complete count committees, and shared best practices and recommended strategies to ensure a full count in Connecticut.

6. To increase participation and reduce undercounting during the decennial census, the State of Connecticut has allocated $500,000 to Census 2020 efforts. That State funding supports efforts to engage hard-to-reach populations that have traditionally been undercounted. Those efforts include:

a. Outreach to Immigrant and Spanish-Speaking Populations: Because bilingual promotional material about the Census is an effective way to reach some of our traditionally-undercounted as well as undocumented communities, the State of Connecticut entered into a $50,000 contract with a marketing and communications firm that specializes in culturally relevant communication to Hispanic and multicultural audiences to develop and execute a widespread, multilingual social media campaign to target and activate historically low participatory communities with diverse content and messaging assets. Part of the focus of the messaging campaign is how “everyone counts” regardless of immigration status.

b. Ensuring Children Are Counted: The State’s Office of Early Childhood

has built partnerships with nonprofits, including the Early Childhood Alliance, to improve the counting of Connecticut's age 0-5 population, historically one of the most undercounted in the state. $40,000 in State funds have been granted to the Alliance in order to leverage $110,000 in charitable foundation funding for the implementation of its "Count All Kids CT" program.

c. Outreach in Urban Areas: The State has allocated $410,000 to support counting in our large cities and surrounding communities. The Department of Social Services contracted with Connecticut Association for Community Action to oversee subcontracts with each of the nine State Community Action Agencies, Connecticut's federally-designated anti-poverty network, to provide outreach to their clients and surrounding communities.

7. Part of the State's outreach has been targeted to migrant workers and other immigrants. This outreach has included Spanish and K'iche' language outreach videos aimed at migrant farm workers and played during lunch at Connecticut's farms. It has also included messaging aimed at the Latinx faith-based community, youth, and local community leadership. Personal outreach and live interviews have been conducted over social media to enable residents to ask questions and receive immediate answers about the Census.

8. All of Connecticut's time, energy, and financial resources have been dedicated to sending one critical message: Everyone counts, and everyone should participate in the 2020 census. But I am deeply concerned that the repeated Trump Administration attacks on the value of immigrant participation in the census has sent precisely the opposite message. In particular,

the recent Presidential Memorandum, which threatens not to count non-citizens in the Congressional apportionment, sends the tragically mistaken message that some people do not matter or do not count.

9. If non-citizens fail to answer the census as a consequence of the Presidential Memorandum and the Trump Administration's anti-immigrant messaging, and these households are undercounted as a result, this would have a significant impact on Connecticut's ability to obtain an accurate census count and ensure that resources are provided to hard-to-reach populations.

10. I fear that we are already seeing the results of the Trump Administration's attacks on the census, combined with the Census Bureau's late start for non-response follow-up. Right now, self-response rates are particularly low in Connecticut communities with large immigrant populations – especially when compared with the 2010 response rates. For example, as of August 2, 2020 the self-response rate in the New Haven is 50.4% compared to 58.9% in 2010. The 2020 self-response rate in Bridgeport 48.9% compared to 56.8% in 2010. The 2020 self-response rate in Hartford is 44.4% compared to 53.9% in 2010. And the 2020 self-response rate in Waterbury is 51.2% compared to 60.9% in 2010.

11. Despite the challenges posed by the President Memorandum, Connecticut is committed to redoubling our efforts to encourage full census participation. My office is partnering with trusted local community members to knock on doors in census tracts that are in danger of an undercount and have undocumented residents. My office will continue to use our social media channels to disseminate messaging and information aimed at mitigating confusion caused by the Presidential Memorandum, and the Connecticut Complete Count Committee is committed to continuing to spread the message that every Connecticut resident should be counted.

I declare under penalty of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 3rd day of August, 2020

Susan Bysiewicz
Lieutenant Governor
State of Connecticut