Exhibit 7

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

STATE OF NEW YORK, *et al.*, Plaintiffs, v. DONALD J. TRUMP, *in his official capacity as President of the United States*, *et al.*, Defendants.	20 Civ. 5770 (JMF) **DECLARATION OF WENDY BELL**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, Wendy Bell, 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 the Deputy Director for the Office of Community Development at the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. I oversee the State of Illinois' disbursement of Community Development Block Grant funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. I have been employed by the State of Illinois since 2002.

3. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development allocates Community Development Block Grant funding based on a formula utilizing Census data. State and local governments rely on the accuracy of Census data and the exclusion of undocumented immigrants will affect the amount of funding the State of Illinois will receive. Further, seventy percent of all local government sub-recipients of Community Development Block Grant funding must meet a threshold of fifty-one percent low-to-moderate income to qualify. Given that undocumented immigrants historically fall in the low-to-moderate income bracket, exclusion from the Census data may result in local governments inability to meet the required threshold, and therefore will impact the availability of funding for public infrastructure in these communities.

4. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires that we utilize Census data or a door-to-door income survey to document the number of low-to-moderate income persons in a community.

5. Reductions in self-response will impair the quality of the Census data being aggregated which will have a negative impact on the effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant program.

6. Actions that reduce the Census' accuracy of persons living in a given area will lead to reduced Community Development Block Grant funding for the State and the specific local governments depending on the funding.

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

Wendy Bell
Deputy Director
Office of Community Development
IL Dept of Commerce and Economic Opportunity