



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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The Honorable Scott Walker
Governor
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The Honorable Brad Schimel
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Dear Governor Scott Walker and Attorney General Schimel:

I write to express my concerns with the proposed plan to add a citizenship question to the 2020 United States Census and urge you to join the 18 other Attorneys General in bringing suit against the United States Census Bureau and United States Department of Commerce. The Constitution of the United States guarantees that every person shall be counted (regardless of immigration status or citizenship).

As you are aware, the data from the Census is used, amongst other ways, in the allocation of House seats, redistricting, determining government spending, and electoral votes. It is therefore imperative we get the most accurate count possible. An accurate count prevents the disenfranchisement of our citizens.

Immigrant and Latino communities have a legitimate fear of disclosing their citizenship status for fear of repercussions to themselves and their families. This fear has only been heightened due to the President and his administration's continued anti-immigrant, anti-Latino rhetoric and policies. In a time of great fear and uncertainty for so many immigrant and Latino families, we must do everything possible to foster an environment of inclusiveness and shared values. Shared values that are enshrined on the Statute of Liberty, "give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

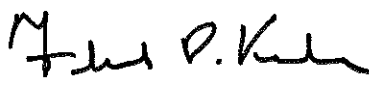
I am aware that immigration policy is the purview of the Executive Branch of the Federal government, but when those policies run afoul of the Constitution of United States and significantly affects our state, you are compelled to act.

I respectfully ask that you join the other Attorney Generals and urge the United States Census Bureau and the United States Department of Commerce to follow the Constitution of the United States.

Thank you for your anticipated attention.

Sincerely,


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