

Talking Points for Leaked Executive Order: “Protecting Taxpayer Resources by Ensuring Our Immigration Law”¹

This Executive Order is just one piece of a broader Trump agenda to demonize immigrants and refugees, and inflict pain on families. Whether it’s by building a wall, shutting refugees out, supersizing a deportation force, or banning Muslims, what’s happening is clear: president Trump is turning our immigration system on its head without any regard for the devastating consequences.

This is unprecedented. Taken together, the provisions within the public charge executive order are a stunning reversal of decades – if not a century – of the guidelines on how immigrant families are welcomed into society.

U.S. citizen children will be hurt. This order slams the door in the face of our most vulnerable citizens – children – at a time when they need it most. By making it harder – whether by policy change or by creating a chilling effect -- for immigrant families to access to nutritious food, health care, and other services, we are hurting millions of US citizen children.

These proposed changes offer immigration status to the highest bidder only. Immigrants – and their children – have helped make the American economy great. In fact, some of our greatest job creators came to this country not because they were wealthy, but because they had an entrepreneurial spirit. These threaten to choke off this spirit by undermining the entire health care and safety net system that helps all of us, including immigrants, be healthy, productive and successful.

This executive order steals from immigrants’ pocketbooks. We should all be entitled to the money we earn. This executive order threatens to steal from immigrant workers’ pocketbooks by denying the social security they have earned.

This Executive Order threatens to push immigrant families – and their communities – deeper into poverty. The Child Tax Credit is a critical tool in our fight against child poverty. If we deny the Child Tax Credit to those without a Social Security Number, we will plunge families already struggling to make ends meet deeply into poverty.

This Executive Order threatens our tax system. In the eyes of the IRS, all tax payers are created equal, and for good reason: tax compliance is what makes our government payment system work. By unduly punishing immigrant workers who want to pay their taxes, we threaten to simply push immigrant workers and employers off the books and away from the tax rolls.

We can push back. Many of these actions require regulatory change and raise legal questions and will not take effect immediately. Speak out NOW to tell the Trump administration that these orders hurt our communities, our children, and our economy. We simply cannot afford these orders.

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