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### **NALEO Educational Fund Applauds Ruling to Block Addition of Citizenship Question to Census 2020**

*Decision to prevent Trump Administration from adding untested citizenship question came from Judge Jesse Furman of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today released a statement from its CEO Arturo Vargas in response to today’s [ruling](#) from U.S. District Judge Jesse Furman ordering the Trump Administration to remove the citizenship question from the 2020 Census:

“The ruling from U.S. District Court Judge Jesse Furman confirms what we have known for some time—that Secretary Ross ‘decided to add the citizenship question for reasons entirely unrelated to VRA enforcement’ and ‘failed to disclose his true rationale’. The evidence presented in both cases left no doubt that political motivations were the driving force behind the addition of an untested question on citizenship to Census 2020.

“Given the importance of Census 2020 in distributing billions of dollars in federal funding and the allocation of political power to communities across the country for the next 10 years, we cannot afford to have millions of Latinos and other Americans missed in the nation’s decennial count. A failed count of the nation’s second largest population group would mean a failed Census 2020 for the country.

“While today’s ruling was an important legal victory, we know this issue may be far from settled in the courts. The clock is ticking. It is time for Congress to act and provide the U.S. Census Bureau with the clarity it needs to execute the 2020 Census by removing the citizenship question once and for all.”

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#### **About NALEO Educational Fund**

*NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-partisan, non-profit organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.*