



STATEMENT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE COMPLETE COUNT COMMISSION ON THE SUPREME COURT'S RULING REGARDING THE CITIZENSHIP QUESTION ON THE CENSUS

"We agree with the U.S. Supreme Court that the Trump administration's explanation for including the citizenship question was contrived. The administration's real motivation was to suppress the count of certain groups. While this decision is a victory for New York State as the citizenship question is off the census for now, given that this decision is complex and that the case is being sent back for further consideration, there will remain confusion and a potential chilling effect in many of our communities across New York State.

"The Complete Count Commission will not rest. We have heard from hundreds of individuals at hearings across the state who must be counted in the census. We will continue our work to make sure every resident of New York State is counted, regardless of this case's ultimate outcome."

"The proper role of government is to do everything in its power to ensure a complete and accurate census count. The Department of Commerce should abandon its desire to weaponize the census process and instead focus on their constitutional obligation to count every person across the country."

The New York State Complete Count Commission

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