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Guarantee of Birthright Citizenship Protected by U.S. Constitution's 14th Amendment

*Attempting to end this constitutionally protected right through
executive order is un-American and downright illegal*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today released a statement from its chief executive officer (CEO) Arturo Vargas in response to reports that President Donald Trump is planning to issue an executive order calling for the end of birthright citizenship:

"Since the adoption of the 14th Amendment, the Constitution has granted all persons born or naturalized on U.S. soil with U.S. Citizenship.

"Any attempt by President Trump to overhaul this basic tenet of our democracy through an executive order would be un-American and downright illegal. Continuing to attack hard-working immigrants as a means of scoring political points ultimately hurts Latinos and all Americans.

"Should the President move forward, we fully expect that any executive order revoking birthright citizenship would be swiftly blocked by the courts. NALEO Educational Fund is fully prepared to stand alongside our partners as we prepare to defend the U.S. Constitution and our rich history as a nation of immigrants.

"At a time of increasing violence and hatred both at home and abroad, we should be working to build bridges, not walls among Americans. Our nation is at a crossroads, and we must decide what kind of a legacy we want to leave behind. History is watching. The choice is up to us."

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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.