

## **Testimony in Support of HR-5226 – House Resolution Condemning President Donald Trump’s Executive Order to Withdraw Citizenship from Children Born in the United States to Undocumented Parents**

**House Committee on Judiciary**

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**The Economic Progress Institute strongly supports Representative Perez’s HR-5226**, which would condemn the recent executive order signed by President Trump to withdraw citizenship from children born in the United States to undocumented parents.

The executive order proposed by President Donald Trump is a direct assault against the core values enshrined in the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment of United States Constitution, which states that, “all persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.”<sup>1</sup> According to the American Immigration Council, around 11 million undocumented individuals have lived in the United States since 2002 – 3.3 percent of the overall population.<sup>2</sup> In 2024, approximately 5.1 million U.S. citizen children live with an undocumented family member.<sup>3</sup> Revoking the citizenship of all those born to undocumented parents would not only create serious constitutional concerns, but it would also trigger a profound humanitarian crisis by rendering millions effectively stateless. Not to mention, this would prove to be a logistical nightmare as derivative citizenship laws are extremely complex and cannot be simplified by just revoking someone’s citizenship.

Not only would revoking citizenship introduce serious legal concerns, but it would also place a huge strain on our economy, as it would shrink our labor force and likely increase poverty in affected families.<sup>4</sup> The mass deportation that would likely follow could cost taxpayers billions of dollars.<sup>5</sup> Of those impacted, Latino communities, who comprise most of the undocumented population, would be disproportionately affected by this executive order.<sup>6</sup> Such a policy would present a catastrophic global equity issue, one that could take years, if not decades, to resolve.

We ask that committee members stand with our immigrant communities and condemn this biased and unconstitutional executive order. We strongly urge passage of HR-5226.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://constitution.congress.gov/constitution/amendment-14/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/research/mass-deportation#:~:text=About%2011%20million%20undocumented%20immigrants,in%20any%20mass%20deportation%20operation.>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/research/mass-deportation#:~:text=In%202022%20alone%2C%20undocumented%20immigrant,workers%20could%20lose%20their%20jobs.>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.pewresearch.org/race-and-ethnicity/2009/04/14/a-portrait-of-unauthorized-immigrants-in-the-united-states/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/research/mass-deportation>

<sup>6</sup> <https://cmsny.org/publications/hispanic-undocumented-immigrants-millet-pavilion-101722/>