On January 25, 2017, President Trump issued three executive orders, each of which threatens immigrant communities in different ways. One focuses on individuals within the United States, another focuses on individuals apprehended at the border, and the third one focuses on refugees and individuals from countries deemed dangerous by the President. Fortunately, none of the executive orders include provisions restricting or ending the DACA program. In addition, some of the provisions may beyond the power of the President and so may later be curtailed by the federal courts.

**Border Security and Deportation Order**
Among other things, the order directs the federal government to:
- Build a wall along our southern border.
- Secure the southern border, so that no one can enter without permission.
- Create new detention facilities near the southern border.
- End the “catch-and-release” policy for people who enter without permission, so that people will be detained during their deportation case.
- Hire 5,000 additional Border Patrol officers
- Increase scrutiny of asylum applications so that more asylum applications will be denied
- Punish states and localities who refuse to allow local law enforcement to cooperate with federal immigration authorities.

**Interior Enforcement Order**
Among other things, this order directs the federal government to:
- Increase deportation enforcement efforts to include people who have criminal convictions, who have been charged with crimes, who committed criminal acts that have not been charged, who engaged in fraud with any government agency, who received welfare benefits unlawfully, who have a final order of removal but never left, and who otherwise pose a threat to public safety or national security
- Hire an additional 10,000 deportation officers.
- Punish states and localities who refuse to allow local law enforcement to cooperate with federal immigration authorities by withholding federal funds.
- Help victims of crime by undocumented immigrants.
- Collect unpaid fines from undocumented immigrants.

**Order Excluding Certain People**
Among other things, this order directs the federal government to:
- Stop most refugee admissions for at least 120 days, with exceptions permitted for those fleeing religious persecution if their religion is a minority in their country of nationality.
- Reduce refugee admissions for FY2017 to 50,000 from President Obama's goal of 110,000.
- Create “safe areas” within Syria and in the surrounding region, for Syrians who are now unable to enter the U.S. because of the freeze on refugee resettlement.
- For at least 30 days, ban entry for all immigrants and nonimmigrants for designated countries,
such as Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.

- Screen all immigrant and non-immigrant applications for fraud and national security concerns.
- Expedite completion of a biometric entry-exit system.
- Suspend the Visa Interview Waiver Program, and require all visa applicants to attend an interview unless not required by statute.

**DACA**

So far, President Trump has indicated that young people who registered for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) will not be an enforcement priority, meaning he is not seeking to deport people who have DACA. At this time, it seems that it is still possible to renew DACA status. It is not yet clear whether it is safe to submit initial DACA applications.

**TPS**

- President Trump has not said whether he will or will not continue designating countries that have Temporary Protected Status (TPS).
- Termination of TPS designations would require 60-days’ notice.
- The following countries currently have TPS: El Salvador, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Liberia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, Yemen

**Non-Citizens with Criminal Convictions**

- You should contact a reputable attorney or legal services provider for advice if you have a criminal conviction(s).
- If you are in criminal proceedings now or in the future, you should inform your attorney that you are a non-citizen and concerned about the immigration consequences of a criminal conviction.

**You Have Rights**

- Right to Remain Silent: do not speak to immigration agents or to the police, and do not sign anything, without first talking to an attorney.
  - Do nothing more than give your name and address.
  - Do not give your country of birth or country of citizenship/nationality.
  - Do not lie or give incorrect information.
  - Say only “I won’t answer any more questions until I have an attorney.” Then stay silent!
- Do not open your door and do not let the police come in unless they have a search warrant.
- City agencies are not supposed to ask about your immigration status, unless it’s necessary to see if you qualify for certain benefits.
- Police are not supposed to ask about your immigration status, unless it is relevant to their investigation.
- Call your consulate if you are arrested.

**Plan Ahead**

- Make an emergency plan in case of detention and deportation:
  - Appoint someone to take care of your children.
  - Leave copies of your identity documents (passport, birth certificate, etc.) with someone you trust.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please call our Immigration Hotline on Fridays from 9:30am-12:30pm at 844-955-3425.