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NALEO Educational Fund Deeply Concerned by Potential Politicization of U.S. Census Bureau through Top Level Appointment

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today released a statement from its executive director Arturo Vargas addressing the potential appointment of University of Texas – Dallas Professor Thomas Brunell as deputy director of the U.S. Census Bureau.

“The possible appointment of a partisan redistricting expert to run the operations of the Census Bureau is of grave concern. If appointed as Deputy Director, Thomas Brunell would become the highest-ranking permanent official at the agency.

“With the federal government’s largest civilian mobilization in years just 28 months away, the Bureau needs an expert in statistics and systems management who has experience running a large, complex organization and program as its Deputy Director.

“Of all federal agencies, the Census Bureau should be protected from partisan activities. The Census Bureau is a scientific organization dedicated to the collection of fair and accurate data that affect the entire nation, and there is no room for political maneuvering at the agency.”

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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.