



**Statement on President Trump's First 100 Days in Office**

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We of ACOSA, a social work values-based professional organization, are writing you at what we now know to be a critical moment in American history: the dawn of Donald Trump's term as 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. Beginning with his inauguration and continuing through his first 100 days in office, it is clear that the Administration's decisions, directives, and actions threaten to undermine our government's basic social contract with its citizens, particularly those in need, and its standing with humanity worldwide. After barely three months, we confront an authoritarian and socially regressive administration that risks increased military escalations and a vast retrenchment of already-starved social welfare programs. Whether social work clinician, executive, or organizer, there are few among us who are not at risk of a less secure, more diminished, and frightening future. Our professional concern extends to ourselves, our loved ones, and our fellow citizens, as well as others seeking to live a decent and peaceful life in the United States of America.

We therefore give voice to the following as a needed focus for each of us as members of ACOSA, CSWE, and NASW: it is a *necessity* that every member of our social work profession become active both in resistance to the Trump Administration's policies and in developing an alternative vision for a better, safer, and more just world. While it is not possible to predict what campaigns each of us will engage in over the coming years, present activism suggest that some of them will include but not be limited to active resistance efforts to:

1. Stop all efforts at the deportation of undocumented immigrants and their families, as well as oppose bans on refugees attempting to enter our country;
2. Stand against all forms of racism, homophobia, Anti-Semitism, and attacks on Muslims and other ethnic and racial groups;
3. Stop any changes in Medicare and Medicaid that would diminish the health of older Americans (as well as many others);
4. Oppose cuts, freezes, and alterations to Social Security - oppose cuts of any kind to Title XX funds;
5. Stop any alterations to the Affordable Care Act that would result in loss of coverage;
6. Stand against further cuts that diminish the value of public education at all levels;
7. Oppose all cuts to Planned Parenthood as the attack on all women that these cuts actually are;
8. Oppose cuts in Housing and Urban Development projects and programs that result in losses of housing, housing subsidies, and grants resulting in greater "housing poverty";
9. Resist harmful attempts at deregulation aimed at maintaining the general welfare in the U.S. and globally. This includes environmental, labor, health, and security regulation and intervention through the U.S., and its partnerships with international bodies, ranging from allowing the Keystone pipeline to be completed to walking away from the landmark Paris Accords of 2016.
10. Oppose tax cuts for wealthier Americans, resulting in lost revenue for Federal programs as well as matching state and city programs for all Americans.



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ACOSA, as a committed voice of macro practice in all its forms, calls upon all social workers in CSWE and NASW to stand up against the reckless and dangerous actions of this administration and its policy agenda. Besides the above activist campaigns, such efforts can include school teach-ins, classroom discussions, and invited speakers with expertise in public and social policy.

We call upon our national leadership bodies in CSWE and NASW to make public, firm stands in opposition to the proposed legislation that imperils social welfare programs, breaks up families through deportation, further destroys our climate, and intensifies economic and social inequality through further tax benefits for the wealthy at the expense of the poor and middle class. To do anything less is to court the marginalization of the entire profession.

We invite you all to engage in these efforts within CSWE, NASW, and ACOSA. Post your efforts on ACOSA's Facebook page, tweet them to @acosaorg, or email us the news and resources for us to post on our website. Help the resistance grow. Participate in re-imagining an alternative vision of a more equitable and just world that we all can embrace.