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## STATEMENT FROM SECRETARY GALVIN ON SUPREME COURT DECISION TO BLOCK CITIZENSHIP QUESTION

"I am pleased and gratified by this victory at the Supreme Court today. I am encouraged that the Court's recognition that the federal government's stated reason for adding a citizenship question to the 2020 Census was merely a pre-text for their actual motives behind that decision.

"While the Court has held that the federal government cannot go forward with the printing of 2020 Census questionnaires that include a citizenship question unless they provide a valid and non-pretexual reason for doing so, I remain concerned that any attempt by the federal government to further delay the printing of census forms would jeopardize our ability to get a complete and accurate count.

"I urge the Department of Commerce to accept the Supreme Court's decision in this matter and move forward with preparations for the 2020 Census, so that we can continue in our efforts to make sure that everyone in Massachusetts is counted."

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