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Catholic Charities USA urges reconsideration of freeze on aid for nonprofit service organizations



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ALEXANDRIA, Va. – In response to the administration's order attempting to freeze federal aid to nonprofit organizations, Catholic Charities USA President and CEO Kerry Alys Robinson issued the following statement:

"Last year, 92 percent of the services provided by the 168 independent Catholic Charities agencies around the country covered basic needs – access to food, housing, health care and other necessities – for families and individuals struggling to get by. These vital services include food pantries for those who can't afford groceries, childcare programs for low-income families, meal deliveries for homebound seniors, job training resources for veterans, temporary and permanent housing, mental health services and much more. The millions of Americans who rely on this life-giving support will suffer due to the unprecedented effort to freeze federal aid supporting these programs. The people who will lose access to crucial care are our neighbors and

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family members. They live in every corner of the country and represent all races, religions and political affiliations. For more than a century, the Catholic Charities network has worked with the government to care for poor and vulnerable people in every community in the U.S., and we continue to be eager to work with government to care for our neighbors in need. We strongly urge the administration to rethink this decision."

To ensure the Catholic Charities agency in your community can continue to offer critical services to your neighbors in need, please <u>find your local agency</u> and make a donation or volunteer.

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