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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RIGHTS PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY

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The National Association for Rights Protection and Advocacy [NARPA] is a grassroots organization whose mission is to support people with psychiatric diagnoses to exercise their legal and human rights to ensure their autonomy, dignity and choice. We strongly object to the recent Executive Order on "Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets" for the reasons set forth in the statement, attached hereto, by the National Disability Groups which condemns the Executive Order as attacking the civil liberties of people with psychiatric diagnoses.

The Order directs the Attorney General to seek "the reversal of Federal or State judicial precedents and the termination of consent decrees that impede. The United States' policy of encouraging civil commitment of individuals with mental illness who pose risks to themselves or the public or are living on the streets and cannot care for themselves in appropriate facilities for appropriate periods of times." The order also directs the government to stop supporting proven strategies like "Housing First" and harm reduction in favor of failed policies of the past. This Executive Order contravenes the mission of NARPA and takes away the legal rights of individuals with psychiatric diagnoses. We urge the administration to revoke this Order and to work to respect and uphold the legal and civil rights of all people, including those with psychiatric diagnoses and those who are unhoused.

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