

# **ACLU Response to President Trump's Speech on Government Shutdown**

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**WASHINGTON — President Trump today delivered a speech on immigration, border security, and the government shutdown.**

**Anthony D. Romero, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, issued the following statement in response:**

**“As the nation sits mired in the longest government shutdown in history — one unnecessarily created by a president attempting to extort Americans for money to build a wasteful border wall — it is unclear if the one-sided proposal offered today is merely a face-saving tactic. This White House has repeatedly shown that it isn't serious and continually backtracks from its own proposals. President Trump's proposed remedies for Dreamers and TPS recipients are far too limited. The President won't be able to buy a 'get out of a shutdown for free' card by offering such tepid fixes to DACA and TPS. We need federal workers back at work and enduring**

**protections for individuals who have been denied basic liberties for far too long.”**