

protect oregon's
immigrant families.

TELL DHS: NO PUBLIC CHARGE EXPANSION

From now through December 10, 2018, the Department of Homeland Security is accepting public comment on its proposed sweeping changes to the definition of "public charge," making otherwise eligible lower income immigrants ineligible for a green card for using anti-poverty programs like food stamps, housing assistance, and medicaid.

Don't let Trump force Oregonians to choose between food, medicine, and family. Oppose public charge changes today.

SUBMIT YOUR COMMENT BY DECEMBER 10

Comment by mail or via
protectingimmigrantfamilies.org.

Remember to personalize your message! Tell DHS how the proposal would harm your family, profession, or community.

for more info visit:

protectingimmigrantfamilies.org & oregonimmigrationresource.org

TIPS FOR WRITING YOUR COMMENT

- Explain why stopping the proposed rule is important to you. What harmful impact do you believe the rule would have from your perspective as an Oregonian, a parent, educator, health care provider, immigrant, taxpayer, person of faith, etc.?
- Do not suggest ways to change the proposal - simply oppose it.
- Anyone in the U.S. can submit a comment!
- Comments must be in English but may be translated and/or submitted by a third party on behalf of someone else.

"As a parent, I oppose the proposed rule because it will lead to increased hunger and homelessness in Oregon, especially among children."

SAMPLE COMMENTS

"I oppose the proposed rule because fear of immigration consequences should not stand in the way of families accessing medicine, shelter, or food through benefits they qualify for. This rule would have harmful consequences in my community."

MORE ABOUT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO PUBLIC CHARGE

- Under immigration law, some individuals can be denied a visa or a green card if they are deemed likely to become a "public charge." Currently, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) defines a public charge as someone who is primarily dependent on the government to survive.
- The proposed changes would re-define public charge to describe a person who accesses one or more temporary anti-poverty measures, now including SNAP, Medicaid, and Section 8 housing assistance, among other changes.
- The proposed rule would establish immigration as a pay-for-play system and force otherwise eligible immigrants and families to drop out of needed assistance or else place risk being denied permanent status.

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT PUBLIC CHARGE

- Public charge does not apply to all immigration processes. Many categories of immigrants are exempt from public charge consideration regardless of proposed changes, including refugees, and lawful permanent residents.
- Changes have not gone into effect for individuals seeking status through USCIS. Individuals applying for visas at U.S. consulates may be impacted by stricter rules.
- Proposed changes would not apply to benefits received before the rule takes effect.
- The proposed rule would not penalize parents if their U.S. citizen children use benefits.
- Before making changes or withdrawing from benefits, families should talk to their immigration attorney about how this may or may not affect them.

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Submitted by mail

Re: Docket No. USCIS-2010-0012

To whom it may concern:

I oppose the proposed rule titled "Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds" because:

Print Name

Signature

Date

FILL OUT FIELDS BELOW ONLY IF THE ABOVE WAS TRANSLATED FROM A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH.

TRANSLATOR'S CERTIFICATE: I CERTIFY THAT I AM COMPETENT IN BOTH ENGLISH AND

_____(OTHER LANGUAGE) AND THAT I TRANSLATED THE ABOVE STATEMENT
TO ENGLISH TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.

PRINT TRANSLATOR'S NAME

TRANSLATOR'S SIGNATURE

DATE

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RETURN ADDRESS:



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