WHO Will Be Harmed by Trump’s “Public Charge” Rule?

The Trump Administration has made radical changes to the “public charge” rule that will make it more difficult for immigrants to obtain a green card if they use any of a wide range of public benefits. The “public charge” rule will reduce immigrant families’ access to the basics we all need to survive. The rule will make—and has already made—immigrant families afraid to seek programs that help them stay strong and productive and raise children who thrive.

The rule finalized by the Trump Administration will impact 26 million people when it takes effect. Over 9 million are children, and 85 percent are U.S. citizens.1 It will drain millions of dollars from state and local economies, increase unemployment, make communities sicker, deepen poverty and hunger, and increase homelessness.

TOTAL IMPACT

26 MILLION people nationwide.

- If the PREVIOUS public charge definition were applied to U.S. citizens today, 5% of U.S. citizens might fail the test.2

- If the NEW public charge definition were applied to U.S. citizens today, 1 in 3 U.S. citizens would fail the test.3

Anyone in a family earning less than $62,750 a year for a family of four could fail the test.4

HARMS CHILDREN

More than 1 in 4 children, mostly U.S. citizens, live with an immigrant parent.5

9 in 10 children with immigrant parents are U.S. citizens6

DISPROPORTIONATELY HARMS COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

18.3 million [33.4% of all] Latinos

3.2 million [17.4% of all] Asians

1.8 million [4% of all] Blacks or African-Americans

2.5 million [1% of all] Whites7

Sources:

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