



League of United Latin American Citizens

LULAC RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PUBLIC CHARGE DESIGNATION

WHEREAS, President Trump's changes to the public charge designation threatens both individual and public health, and jeopardizes access to health services for millions of immigrants, including children, seniors and the disabled;

WHEREAS This change can lead legal immigrants to forgo seeking medical treatment and health care benefits out of fear that doing so would jeopardize their immigration status and that of their families;

WHEREAS One in four children live in a family with an immigrant parent, and fear of accessing health services would negatively affect the growth and healthy development of these children;

WHEREAS The confusion and fear created by the change will discourage families from seeking services to which they are qualified and others to dis-enroll;

WHEREAS The preamble to the rule indicates that the Department of Homeland Security is well-aware of the negative implications of this rule change, as it states that the changes may decrease disposable income and increase poverty levels of families and children, including U.S. citizen children;

WHEREAS, People should be treated with respect and every human should have access to safety net programs that address basic food, health care, and other safety assistance – regardless of immigration status.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California League of United Latin American Citizens concludes that people should not be penalized for using social services for which they are eligible for; and

THEREFORE BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the California League of United Latin American Citizens expresses its opposition to the President's rule "Inadmissibility of Public Charge Grounds."

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