



Greater Chicago Food Depository
Statement on Federal Judge Blocking Public Charge Rule Change
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On Friday, Oct. 11, a federal judge in New York issued a nationwide preliminary injunction to prevent the Trump administration's public charge rule from going into effect on Oct. 15, as planned.

Wholeheartedly, the Greater Chicago Food Depository commends this development.

Since this administrative rule change was announced last year, we have stood in strong opposition for the simple reason that it would increase hunger in our communities. If the proposed rule change were to go into effect, immigrants seeking to obtain green cards would be less likely to apply for needed food assistance for fear that it could hinder their path to citizenship.

In his ruling, Judge George B. Daniels of the Southern District of New York wrote that the new rule could cause "irreparable harm."

We concur.

At the Food Depository, Chicago's food bank serving a network of more than 700 agencies and programs, we believe that no person should go hungry, regardless of their immigration status or nation of origin. We believe in offering food and dignity to anyone in need.

On behalf of our partners and the people we serve, the Food Depository urges the Trump administration to rescind this rule.

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