

October 12, 2018

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Department of Homeland Security  
20 Massachusetts Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20529-2140

Re: DHS Docket No. USCIS-2010-0012-0001, Comments in Response to Proposed Rulemaking:  
Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing in response to the Department of Homeland Security's (the Department) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) from the Asian Pacific Fund to express our strong opposition to the changes regarding "public charge," published in the Federal Register on October 10, 2018.

Asian Pacific Fund's mission as a community foundation is to strengthen the Asian and Pacific Islander community in the Bay Area by increasing philanthropy and supporting the over 70 Community Based Organizations that serve our most vulnerable community members.

The proposed rule will have a dramatic impact on the health and well-being of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) families and is a threat for these community members to thrive and give back to society in meaningful ways including long-term positive economic contributions to the US economy.

The organizations we work with have begun informing us that:

- AAPI community members are "not seeking" OR "dangerously delaying" medical care at community health clinics, even though they are legally entitled and in many cases have even paid for health insurance.
- An increasing number of domestic violence crimes are going unreported

The Proposed Rule punishes AAPI Immigrant Families for meeting their basic needs and **threatens the health and well-being of AAPI families and as well as the health of ALL US citizens** if immigrant families are afraid to access health care for their loved ones.

**A healthy society can only exist when ALL of its members be allowed to thrive and live healthy lives without fear of threat for themselves and loved ones.**

For these reasons, the Department should immediately withdraw the proposal.

Sincerely,

Audrey Yamamoto  
Executive Director

