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This is a Comment on the **U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Proposed Rule: Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds**

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I submit this comment on behalf of Northwest Health Foundation to oppose the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' proposed rule, "Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds," published in the Federal Register on October 10, 2018.

Northwest Health Foundation was founded in 1997 with the mission to advance, support and promote the health of the people of Oregon and southwest Washington. This rule would harm Oregonians, Washingtonians and all Americans' health.

This regulation would make using health, anti-hunger, anti-poverty or affordable housing programs a disqualifier for immigration, putting millions of families at risk. The result: a sicker, hungrier, poorer nation. It would force immigrant families to make a choice between accessing these programs that safeguard their health and keeping their families together in the United States. It would prevent families that have been separated for too long, including parents and children, from reuniting.

At Northwest Health Foundation, we know our region is stronger when we join together across differences. But too often, where we're born, the color of our skin or living with a disability determines our chance at a healthy life. This rule change would unfairly target people born in certain countries, people of color and people with disabilities, further harming people who have already been pushed and left behind. This is unOregonian, unWashingtonian, unAmerican, and, in the long run, it hurts all of us.

This proposed rule is against our values as an organization, a region and a country. We strongly urge that it be rejected.

Sincerely,
Jesse Beason
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