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***STATEMENT ON TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S SUSPENSION OF ENTRY OF  
IMMIGRANTS ON THE PREMISE OF HEALTHCARE***

**(NEW YORK, NY) – Janet Sabel, CEO and Attorney-In-Chief of The Legal Aid Society,** issued the following statement today responding to President Trump’s proclamation to suspend the entry of immigrants into the United States if they will not be covered by health insurance within 30 days of entry or do not have the means to pay for their healthcare costs themselves. The measure is scheduled to take effect on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

“We are outraged and disgusted by this latest in a relentless series of attacks on immigrants. The President appears determined to undermine the social fabric of our nation in a desperate attempt to score political points with his nativist base, as he faces the prospect of impeachment.

Instead of focusing on meaningful reforms to our healthcare system, the Administration is scapegoating immigrants who seek to enter the country lawfully. Moreover, this policy demonstrates a fundamental misunderstanding of our healthcare system and the costs of care. The fact that subsidized marketplace plans, which are available to those earning up to 400% of the federal poverty guidelines (over \$100,000 per year for a family of four), are not considered adequate confirms that only the wealthiest immigrants are welcome here.”

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