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After Ninth Circuit Decision to Stay Preliminary Injunctions on Public Charge, Legal Aid Urges Immigrants in Need of Vital Government Benefits to Continue Accessing Them

(NEW YORK, NY) – After the Ninth Circuit on Thursday [stayed](#) two preliminary injunctions against President Donald Trump’s proposed regulation on “public charge,” The Legal Aid Society urged immigrant New Yorkers and others throughout the country in need of vital government benefits to continue using programs that they qualify for.

“We are disappointed in the decision to lift the preliminary injunctions issued by courts in California and Washington, but it is critical to remind our immigrant communities that the nationwide injunctions issued by courts in New York and Maryland remain in effect, and families in need of government benefits can continue using the programs they qualify for. We look forward to continuing to represent plaintiffs in *Make the Road NY et al. v. Cuccinelli* in our fight against the Trump Administration’s xenophobic and unlawful rule change,” said **Susan Welber, Staff Attorney in the Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society.**

Concerned individuals can call The Legal Aid Society’s [Immigration Helpline](#) at (844) 955-3425 to access free, safe legal help and find answers to questions.

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