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Groups Respond to Trump’s “Desperate” Appeal to Supreme Court to Lift Order Blocking “Public Charge” Immigration Rule

(January 14, 2020—New York, NY) – After losing on an emergency stay motion in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals last week, the Trump Administration filed a motion with the Supreme Court last night asking that the injunction barring implementation of its “public charge” rule change be lifted before the injunction is due to be argued in the Second Circuit on expedited appeal. The litigation team (**the Center for Constitutional Rights, The Legal Aid Society**, and the law firm of **Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP**) and the lead plaintiff (**Make the Road New York**) issued the following statement:

“The Trump administration is grasping at straws in their desperate attempt to expedite implementation of their racist wealth test for immigrants even before the government’s appeals have been heard by the circuit courts. We hope that the Supreme Court sees this motion for what it truly is and immediately denies it. Now, more than ever, it is critical that the public charge policy, which the lower courts called ‘repugnant to the American Dream of prosperity and opportunity through hard work and upward mobility,’ continues to be blocked.

Every day our injunction remains in effect, it protects millions of hard-working immigrant families across the nation.”

[Make the Road New York v. Cuccinelli](#) was filed on behalf of Make the Road New York, African Services Committee, Asian American Federation, Catholic Charities Community Services, and Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC).

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