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## ***Legal Aid Lauds SCOTUS Vote to Dismiss Conservative States' Effort to Defend Trump-Era Public Charge Rule***

### ***Advocates Underscore that Immigrants can Continue to Access Government Benefits and Services Without Fear or Immigration Penalty***

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society today released the following statement in response to the Supreme Court of the United States vote to [dismiss an appeal](#) from several conservative states to intervene to defend the Trump-era “Public Charge” rule that the Biden Administration has abandoned:

“The Biden Administration has made it clear that the government should not weaponize government benefits and services against immigrants, and has rightfully abandoned the Trump-era ‘public charge’ rule that did just that. Efforts by conservative states to defend the rule are ill-considered, and we are glad to see SCOTUS dismiss the appeal.

This marks an opportunity to reiterate that Trump’s ‘public charge’ rule has not been in effect since March 2021, and that immigrant families can continue to secure health care, including COVID-19 vaccination, food assistance, and housing assistance for which they are eligible without the fear that they will lose the chance to obtain lawful permanent residence.”

For more resources, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/3cedecta>.

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