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***Legal Aid Statement on Attorney General James, Mamdani Administration Filing
Lawsuit Over New Public Charge Rule***

(NEW YORK, NY) — The Legal Aid Society released the following statement in response to New York Attorney General Letitia James and New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani today bringing a lawsuit against the Trump Administration over its new public charge rule:

“The new public charge rule set to go into effect on Friday is an illegal, punitive measure that will result in tens of thousands of low-income immigrants and their families being denied lawful permanent resident status solely on the grounds that they might at some point receive any sort of means-tested public benefit. This is a blatant attempt by the current federal administration to arbitrarily bar more immigrants, particularly immigrants of color, from becoming permanent residents.

“We thank the Attorney General’s office and the Mamdani Administration for stepping into this legal fight on behalf of the more than four million immigrants who call New York home. By suing to vacate this rule, Attorney General James and Mayor Mamdani are reinforcing New York’s commitment as a sanctuary state where all people, regardless of socioeconomic background, are welcome.”

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