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Legal Aid Condemns HUD's Final Rule Threatening Tens of Thousands of Families with Housing Loss and Family Separation

(NEW YORK, NY) — The Legal Aid Society issued the following statement condemning the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) decision to finalize its rule targeting mixed-status families:

"HUD's decision to finalize this rule threatens to destabilize families across the country, forcing tens of thousands of households to choose between staying together and keeping their homes. The overwhelming opposition to this proposal — reflected in more than 16,000 public comments — made clear that families, advocates, and communities nationwide reject a policy that would deepen the housing crisis and tear families apart.

"By finalizing this rule despite widespread opposition, HUD is putting families' homes, stability, and futures at risk. We will not stand by while families are forced to choose between their loved ones and a roof over their heads. We are exploring all available legal options to challenge this rule and will continue fighting to protect families and their fundamental right to safe, affordable housing."

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