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## **Housing Experts Discuss Potential Dangers of HUD's Proposed Housing Assistance Family Rule**

A recording of the call is available [HERE](#).

**Washington, DC** - Earlier today, immigration and housing experts gathered to address concerns regarding a recently proposed rule by the Trump administration that cruelly targets immigrant families to prevent them from receiving federal housing assistance. Experts discussed how the rule, which would affect about 25,000 households, would cruelly impact families of mixed-status.

The rule, the experts noted, would force families apart as they struggled to keep their current housing threatening many with homelessness, including the 55,000 children who are either U.S. citizens or otherwise eligible for housing benefits and who would be separated from their families

*Below are quotes from today's speakers.*

**Doug Guthrie**, President and CEO, Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, said, "If this proposed rule change were to go through it would be devastating for Los Angeles families with mixed immigration status. It would impact as many as 11,600 individuals in assisted housing the majority of whom are young children who are American citizens and it would cost the housing authority millions of dollars. This would likely result in thousands of people becoming homeless at a time when homelessness is already a crisis in Los Angeles."

**Sunia Zaterman**, Executive Director, Council of Large Public Housing Authorities, noted, "HUD's proposal would force mixed status families to decide between a roof for some, or homelessness for all. This is antithetical to the mission of public housing, which is to provide safe, affordable housing to very low-income families. Instead, this proposal would exacerbate crisis levels of homelessness, divert scarce resources from already underfunded public housing authorities, and instill fear and distrust while doing nothing to make our communities safer or better off."

**Diane Yentel**, President and CEO, National Low Income Housing Coalition, added, "The cruelty of Secretary Carson's proposal is breathtaking, and the harm it would inflict on children, families and communities is severe," said National Low Income Housing Coalition President and CEO Diane Yentel. "Tens of thousands of deeply poor kids, mostly US citizens, could be evicted and made homeless by this proposal, and – by HUD's own admission – there would be zero benefit to families on waiting lists. This proposal is another in a long line of attempts by the administration to instill fear in immigrants throughout the country. We will not stand for it."

**Arianna Cook-Thajudeen**, Bank of America Legal Fellow, National Housing Law Project, said, "The National Housing Law Project opposes this proposed rule because it would have a

detrimental impact on the housing stability of millions of families. The federal housing programs in particular serve as a lifeline for many families who are one step away from homelessness. What the Administration is doing is through this proposal is ruthless and reckless. We urge everyone to submit comments to HUD to oppose this rule by July 9th.”

**Tory Gunsolley**, President and CEO, Houston Housing Authority, remarked, “The current system works. Undocumented occupants are not receiving federal subsidies. The proposed regulations, on the other hand, would cause a needless increase in homelessness and cost the federal government more money. The proposed regulation would force HHA to be an extension of immigration enforcement, a role that does align with our mission to provide safe, affordable housing. It simply doesn't make sense to implement.”

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