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The Center for Public Representation Celebrates Preliminary Injunctions Against the Public Charge Rule

The Center for Public Representation celebrates the nationwide preliminary injunctions issued today by federal courts in New York (which can be read [here](#) and [here](#)) and [Washington state](#), preventing the Administration from implementing its cruel and discriminatory public charge rule. These decisions are a clear victory for disabled immigrants and their families.

CPR and other disability organizations submitted an [amicus brief](#) in these cases, arguing that the rule is illegal and insidious disability discrimination that would prevent people with disabilities from entering this country or becoming legal residents. The courts agreed with our position, recognizing the potential for disability discrimination if this rule were to become law. As one of the judges aptly stated the public charge rule “is simply a new agency policy of exclusion in search of a justification.”

In addition, a federal court in California [issued](#) a limited preliminary injunction, preventing the rule from going into effect in the plaintiff states. While CPR is pleased by the injunction, we disagree with the court’s analysis regarding disability discrimination.

If the public charge rule is eventually allowed to go into effect, it would exclude people from this country just because they have a disability and discourage those already in the US from using critical public benefits, including the Medicaid-funded home and community based services on which many people with disabilities rely to fully participate in their communities. Such discrimination is illegal under federal law and should be struck down in no uncertain terms.

Despite today’s victories, the fight to permanently stop the public charge rule is far from over. We call on every American speak up against this dangerous attack on immigrant communities, and CPR will continue to work in support of litigation efforts across the country to strike down the public charge rule.

For the latest updates on the litigation efforts and to learn more about the public charge rule and what it means for people with disabilities, visit us at <https://medicaid.publicrep.org/feature/public-charge>. For additional resources on the rule and its wider impacts, please visit the Protecting Immigrant Families Coalition at <https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/know-your-rights>.