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**The Center for Public Representation Applauds  
the Biden Administration's Plan to Reverse the Public Charge Rule**

Today the Biden Administration [issued](#) an executive order to begin the process of reversing the [public charge rule](#). CPR has long fought this dangerous and discriminatory policy and we commend the Administration's commitment to reversing it and taking such quick action.

CPR, in partnership with disability, immigration, and healthcare advocacy organizations, has worked for over two years to stop this rule, submitting comments in opposition to the rule and filing several amicus briefs in litigation challenging it. The public charge rule was a deliberate attack on low-income, marginalized communities in order to limit immigration. It excludes people from entering the country just because they have a disability and discourages those already in the US from using public benefits for fear of harming their immigration status. These include the Medicaid-funded home and community-based services on which many people with disabilities rely to fully participate in their communities.

The chilling effect this rule has had on immigrant communities has only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 crisis. Immigrant communities have been disproportionately impacted by this pandemic, and yet, the public charge rule has made it more difficult for those communities to access care. Today, the Biden Administration recognized that and took necessary steps to ensure people can receive the care they need, without fear.

We look forward to working with the Administration moving forward to ensure a more just immigration policy that accurately reflects the value immigrants, disabled and nondisabled alike, bring to this country.