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Act on: HUD Mixed Status Proposed Rule

- Comment deadline **Tuesday July 9th**
- Sample Comment

  I am writing to strongly oppose the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s proposed rule that would prohibit “mixed-status” families from living in public or other subsidized housing. If enacted, this rule could cause more than 100,000 people to be evicted from their homes, including more than 55,000 children who are U.S. citizens or have legal status. As a person of faith, I believe it is wrong for the government to cause the separation of immigrant families. Evicting struggling immigrant families will not fix the affordable housing crisis. Instead of forcing immigrant families out of their homes, Congress and the Administration should ensure every family has a safe, accessible, and affordable place to call home. My faith calls me to welcome the immigrant. Therefore, I call on the Department of Housing and Urban Development to immediately withdraw this proposed rule.

- [Click Here](#) to submit your comment
- For more information on the HUD “mixed status” rule please visit [www.keep-families-together.org](http://www.keep-families-together.org)
I am writing in response to the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) proposed rule to express strong opposition to the changes regarding "verification of eligible status,” published in the Federal Register on May 10, 2019 (RIN 2501-AD89; HUD Docket No. FR-6124-P-01). We urge the rule to be withdrawn in its entirety, and that HUD’s long-standing regulations remain in effect.

As members of the faith community we believe in the inherent worth and dignity in every one. Our churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples deeply cherish family unity and these same ideals are elevated as part of our national fabric, and yet this proposed rule would separate families and places thousands of children at risk of homelessness.[1] While HUD claims the proposed rule is intended to address the public housing crisis waitlist, according to their own analysis, this proposed rule would do nothing to ameliorate this problem. [2] It is the staggering lack of resources for public housing that has created a waitlist and denying immigrant families access to public housing means many families will face significant burdens.

This cruel proposed change targets families and will unjustly punish mixed-status immigrant families. Forcing families to choose between being torn apart and homelessness is heartless. As people of faith we see this action as an affront to family unity and believe we should have policies that strengthen and affirm the ability of immigrants to support themselves and their families. Every person has a God-given right to access to safe, affordable housing and we believe that access will in turn help communities thrive.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the proposed rulemaking. Please do not hesitate to contact [FILL IN] to provide further information.
Act on:
OMB Poverty Measure Proposal

• Comment Deadline **This Friday June 21st**

• Sample Comment

  I am writing to oppose the Office of Management and Budget’s proposal to change the Official Poverty Measure (Directive No. 14). The federal poverty threshold is incredibly important because it is used as an eligibility criterion by many federal safety-net programs. Changing how the poverty line is adjusted for inflation would mean millions of people could be denied access to critical safety-net programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid because they no longer meet the eligibility requirements. As a person of faith, I believe that everyone has a role to play in ending hunger and poverty, including the federal government. Federal safety-net programs lift millions of families out of poverty each year. If low-income families lose access to the safety net, because of changes to the way poverty is calculated, congregations and charities simply cannot make up the difference. I urge you to rescind this proposal immediately and instead make a good-faith effort to find accurate measures of poverty.

• [Click Here](#) to submit your comment

• For more information on the OMB rule please visit [Poverty Measure Points for Comment](#)
Tips for an Effective Comment

• Include passages from your religious texts that affirm and reiterate your comment.

• Personalize your comment with stories of how you or your community would be affected.

• We highly recommend using your own text in some areas. It is important to note that **at least 30% of your comment letter consists of original content.**
Questions?
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