



SAMPLE “PUBLIC CHARGE” COMMENTS AND PROMPTS

Public Charge Comment Templates

You can write comments to the immigration public charge rule on any of the topics below. The templates give you an idea of a subject and then you can add your, your family or your friends' experiences in your own words.

Sample comments:

I.

I oppose the proposed public charge rule that would force parents to disenroll their children from nutrition programs, like the school lunch and breakfast programs that they need to help them grow, learn, and thrive. The proposed rule would overturn over a century of existing policy and practice that permit participation in non-cash nutrition programs. The receipt of non-cash benefits has never been and should not now be a factor in determining whether an individual is likely to become a public charge.

It is absolutely essential for children to participate in nutrition programs. I am a volunteer at my children's school and I see what happens when children come to school hungry. They are sleepy and unable to concentrate at school. They have behavior problems and seem to have more trouble learning. I have seen with my own eyes the importance of school lunch and breakfast programs for healthy, motivated learners. Making school lunch and breakfast programs unavailable to any child in America is a shameful and inhumane policy.

II.

I oppose the proposed public charge rule that would deter thousands of women from seeking life-saving medical care. The proposed rule would overturn over a century of existing policy and practice that permit participation in non-cash nutrition programs. The receipt of non-cash benefits has never been and should not now be a factor in determining whether an individual is likely to become a public charge.

I am a breast cancer survivor and the health care and treatment that I received allowed me continue working, caring from my two small children, and participating in my community. I received essential screening, surgery and follow up treatment that saved my life. Without this health care, I would not have lived to take my children to school, feed them, and watch them grow up. I know from my own personal experience that there's nothing more important than access to medical care.

Template prompts:

Healthcare:

I oppose the proposed public charge rule that would deter millions of pregnant women from receiving essential prenatal health care, posing untold dangers for pregnant women and their unborn children. (add your story)

I oppose the proposed public charge rule that would decrease infectious disease control and deter millions of people from receiving TB screening and treatment (add your story)

I oppose the proposed public charge rule that would increase the incidence of childhood diseases like chickenpox, measles, mumps and rubella and deter parents from vaccinating their children. This is dangerous not only to individuals but to communities as a whole. (add your story)



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I oppose the proposed public charge rule that would deter parents from seeking critical medical care and treatment for their children who suffer from asthma. (add your story)

I oppose the proposed public charge rule that would frighten patients from seeking HIV screening and treatment for thousands of people. (add your story)

I oppose the proposed public charge rule that would force parents to disenroll their children in dental care programs. (add your story)

I oppose the proposed public charge rule that would force parents to disenroll their children from health programs that provide critical asthma care and treatment for millions of children. (add your story)

I oppose the proposed public charge rule that would frighten millions of patients and deter them from receiving necessary diabetes screening and treatment, leading to amputations, surgery and death. (add your story)

I oppose the proposed public charge rule that would deter people from seeking screening and treatment for heart disease and cancers, leading to higher hospital costs and death rates. (add your story)

Nutrition:

I oppose the proposed public charge rule that would force parents to disenroll their children from breakfast, lunch, summer nutrition, milk and fresh fruit and vegetable programs for school-age children. (add your story)

I oppose the proposed public charge rule that would force millions of children and families to disenroll from the SNAP program, thereby increasing hunger and malnutrition nationwide. (add your story)

I oppose the proposed public charge rule that would deter seniors from participating in the food and nutrition programs that are available to the elderly through the Older Americans Act. (add your story)

I oppose the proposed public charge rule that would force pregnant women and nursing infants to disenroll from the WIC program and prevent them from receiving essential nutrition and healthcare. (add your story)

Housing:

I oppose the proposed public charge rule that deter millions of children and families from using homeless shelters and forcing them to live on the street. (add your story)

I oppose the proposed public charge rule that compel millions of children and families to abandon safe, decent and sanitary Section 8 housing and force them into homelessness. (add your story)

Energy Assistance:

I oppose the proposed public charge rule that would force millions of children and families to disenroll from cooling and heating assistance programs and expose them to unsafe and unhealthy conditions. (add your story)