STATEMENT ON NEW HUD PROPOSAL TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO IMMIGRANTS IN PUBLIC HOUSING

(NEW YORK, NY) – Judith Goldiner, Attorney-in-Charge of the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society, issued the following statement today responding to the new U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) proposal to restrict access to public housing for undocumented immigrants and their families:

“The new HUD proposal is yet another attempt to advance the Trump Administration’s xenophobic agenda. This latest attack on immigrant families is an effort to strip them of the fundamental human right to housing, and it has nothing to do with HUD’s false claim around shortening waiting lists. While CBP is tearing families apart at the border, HUD is looking to do the same in homes through evictions in public housing.

Many of our clients are part of mixed immigration status families – mostly with US citizen children, with the other family members already ineligible for rent subsidies – and this unnecessary and heartless rule could potentially drive thousands of such families to homelessness.

We will continue to fight back against these cruel policies, to ensure our clients and all immigrant New Yorkers have basic protections and the right to housing.”

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