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Illinois Advocates Continue Legal Arguments Against the Trump Administration to Secure Justice for Immigrants

Advocates to Hold Press Event on Public-Charge Litigation and How to Take Action

WHEN: 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

WHERE: Everett McKinley Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, first floor lobby, 219 S. Dearborn, Chicago, IL. Media must have proper identification for entry into the lobby.

CHICAGO – Late last week, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled to stay a statewide injunction in Illinois on the expanded “public charge” regulation. Undeterred, legal and community advocates continue to unite against the Trump administration’s attacks against those who have come to this country to build a better life for themselves and their families, including working class families, people with disabilities, children, seniors, those with fewer educational opportunities, and non-native English speakers.

Our fight is far from over. Counsel will argue the merits of the injunction to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit at 9:30 a.m. in Room 2721. Please note that cameras and audio recording devices are not permitted in courtrooms but will be allowed in the lobby if accompanied by credentialed media.

Following oral argument, speakers from the Cook County State Attorney’s Office, PIF-IL members, and fellow advocates from immigrant rights, anti-poverty, and health organizations in Illinois will hold a press conference to give an update on litigation, inform immigrant communities about resources to help them assess their risks under the rule, and address the atmosphere of fear in vulnerable communities.

WHO: The event will be led by Protecting Immigrant Families–Illinois, a statewide coalition comprised of diverse member organizations, including directly impacted communities, safety net providers, and legal services, working to protect Illinois families' access to basic essential-needs programs.

Speakers include:

- **Lilian Jimenez**, Illinois Department of Human Services
- **Militza M. Pagán**, Staff Attorney, Shriver Center on Poverty Law
- **Luvia Quiñones**, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR)

- **Cook County State Attorney's Office** representative
- **Nancy Kim Kang**, HANA Center
- **Access Living, Cambiando Vidas** representative

Protecting Immigrant Families Illinois members: AIDS Foundation of Chicago, Asian Human Services, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, Elevate Energy, Erie Family Health Center, DuPage Federation, Greater Chicago Food Depository, Health & Medicine Policy Research Group, Healthy Illinois Campaign, Housing Action Illinois, Illinois AAP, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR), Latino Policy Forum, Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services, Legal Council for Health Justice, National Immigrant Justice, Ounce of Prevention Fund, Shriver Center on Poverty Law, University YMCA

For more information, read the [updated public charge fact sheet](#) and visit protectingimmigrantfamiliesillinois.org.