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Sister Simone Campbell Responds to Cruel and Immoral Proposed Public Charge Rule

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – In response to the release of the proposed public charge rule by the Trump administration, **Sister Simone Campbell, SSS, Executive Director of NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice** issued the following statement:

"Once again, the Trump administration is trying to penalize immigrant families. **This time, they are targeting documented immigrants as well.** This proposed public charge rule will alter our already-broken immigration system to put money above families. **This is cruel and immoral.**

"I am outraged that this proposed rule effectively imposes a wealth test for all legal immigrants. **In Trump's America, if you aren't rich, you don't count.** This proposed rule seriously penalizes families who have paid taxes in the United States and participated fully in our society. **If this proposed rule becomes the law of the land, our nation's children lose and we will become a poorer, sicker, hungrier, weaker nation.**

"We are called to love our neighbor. **Intentionally targeting immigrant and mixed-status families and driving up poverty among families with young children violates our sacred duty to defend the vulnerable and protect life.** This proposed rule is wrong and must be stopped."

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