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## **Re: DHS Docket No. USCIS-2010-0012**

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We respectfully urge you not to move forward with this expansion to the public charge test. As we research policy solutions to childhood obesity, poor diet, and weight bias and stigma, we always examine the unintended consequences (outcomes that were not foreseen or run contrary to the intended action). In this case, the consequences are clear: a policy change such as this further polarizes communities and our nation and makes it more difficult for immigrant families and their children to not only access healthy food, but a full-range of supports that they are legally eligible to receive.