



DON'T MAKE PARENTS CHOOSE BETWEEN FOOD & FAMILY

October 24, 2018

The Honorable Kirstjen M. Nielsen
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
3801 Nebraska Ave NW
Washington, DC 20528

**SHARE OUR
STRENGTH**[®]

Dear Secretary Nielsen,

As chefs and culinary professionals, we stand in opposition to the Department of Homeland Security's proposed Public Charge Rule that would increase childhood hunger and put the health and well-being of millions of children across America at risk.

As culinary leaders who are at the intersection of food and community, we know that investing in our nation's children makes us a stronger country. Forcing legal immigrant families to choose between ensuring their children get the nutrition, health care and stable housing they need and their legal status doesn't reflect the values that make America strong.

If enacted, the proposed Public Charge Rule will make it harder, not easier, for the civic leaders, innovators, and even chefs of tomorrow to reach their full potential.

Please join Share Our Strength and all of us in asking the Administration to withdraw this deeply flawed proposal.

Sincerely,

Chef José Andrés & the undersigned chefs

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Drew Robinson, Alabama
Matthew Bell, Arkansas
Matthew McClure, Arkansas
Chris Cosentino, California
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