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**Michigan's Children Public Comment**

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Michigan's Children is writing to strongly oppose HUD's rule to prohibit mixed-status immigrant families from living in subsidized housing. The policy will result in over 55,000 children being evicted from their homes, and will be harmful to children's development and have negative implications for their well-being as they grow into adulthood. Additionally, the policy increases the number of children living in poverty each year.

Thousands of low-income children in Michigan live doubled-up with one or more families; as a result this proposed rule would punish families who search for the best housing to fit their needs. Rather, supporting access to subsidized housing should be the current focus of the Administration. 566,100 Michiganders in households already pay more than half of their income on housing and 43,880 Michigan children face unstable housing. Funding needs to be directed towards those families not stripped from them while they need it most.

It is our belief that the Administration should immediately withdraw its current proposal. We need to invest in children, rather than put their healthy development and education at risk.