



**City of Seattle**  
Mayor Jenny A. Durkan

April 13, 2018

Attn: Director Mick Mulvaney  
The Office of Management and Budget  
725 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Mulvaney,

I am writing to request a meeting with between the City of Seattle and Branch Chief Richard Theroux to discuss the public charge NPRM (RIN 1615-AA22) currently under your review.

We have concerns about the deep economic impact that this proposed rule would have on local and state governments, as well as the economy as a whole. I believe this is bad public policy and impinges on the rights of local governments. The agency has deemed this NPRM as one that is not economically significant. However, we know firsthand that policy changes related to who is considered a public charge will have a direct impact on the state and local agencies that administer many of the programs that would now be taken into account in a public charge determination. If additional programs were to be included as factors in a public charge determination, we expect that many people—including eligible U.S. citizen children—who are legally eligible to participate in these programs would unenroll or refrain from applying. These changes would increase hunger and uncompensated care and impact our schools, child welfare agencies, public health systems, and hospitals.

Your timely response is greatly appreciated since this could lead to additional unnecessary litigation between the City of Seattle and the federal government. It is our hope to speak with you or your appropriate colleagues prior to the publication of this rule.

Thank you for your consideration of this meeting request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny A. Durkan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jenny" being the most prominent.

Jenny A. Durkan  
Mayor of Seattle