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Winston & Strawn and LatinoJustice Sue for Information About HUD's Plan to Separate Immigrant Families in Federal Housing

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Winston & Strawn and <u>LatinoJustice PRLDEF</u> sued the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to obtain information about a proposed rule that disproportionately affects Latinx families. The rule stipulates that undocumented parents of U.S. citizen children must separate from their families in order to continue using Federal Rental Assistance Programs, or move their entire family and risk homelessness.

According to a release about this matter issued by LatinoJustice, "HUD has failed to provide any of the requested information. A recent report by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities—a nonprofit group—suggests that 85% of people living in mixed immigration status families in the three largest federal rental assistance programs are Latinx families."

Winston Partner Jeffrey Kessler noted, "Winston & Strawn is proud, as part of its pro bono commitment to equality, to stand together with LatinoJustice against an unlawful rule that threatens to tear apart immigrant and Latinx families who depend on HUD housing assistance. This FOIA suit will help uncover evidence of what appears to be the discriminatory intent and disparate impact that underlies this rule."

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