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Re: OMB-

guidelines like the federal poverty level,² which is used to determine financial eligibility for numerous federal, state, and local programs. Our clients do not earn enough money to purchase

Specifically, certain proposed alternatives to the current CPI-U inflation measure

172,000 low-

satisfy their debt through alternatives to payment, like community service, while those found able but unwilling to pay face jail time.³⁴ A determination of indigency can also relieve defendants from being charged with violation of probation or parole for failure to pay supervision fees.³⁵

A resident of Alabama, who works full time and currently receives SNAP benefits, is concerned that this proposed change will have a major impact on their community in that many who live there will go without adequate nutrition. According to him, receiving public assistance has allowed him to eat when he would have otherwise starved.

Impact on immigrant families:

Sincerely,

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