

Groups Move to Block Removals Under Alien Enemies Act

Latest Action Stems from Supreme Court Ruling

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NEW YORK — The American Civil Liberties Union and New York Civil Liberties Union, in partnership with The Legal Aid Society whose clients are plaintiffs in the litigation, filed an emergency lawsuit this morning in federal court in New York to again halt removals under the Alien Enemies Act for people within that court's judicial district.

The action follows last night's U.S. Supreme Court decision lifting a nationwide temporary restraining order in a challenge to President Trump's invocation of the Alien Enemies Act, a 1798 wartime act that the administration is trying to use to bypass immigration law.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court also ordered that people targeted for removal under the act are entitled to challenge their removals and must have meaningful notice and opportunity to do so.

The complaint is [here](#).

This press statement is [here](#).

The TRO motion is [here](#).