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## ***Legal Aid Statement on Supreme Court Birthright Citizenship Ruling***

(NEW YORK, NY) — The Legal Aid Society released the following statement in response to the U.S. Supreme Court [ruling](#) today rejecting President Donald Trump’s unconstitutional attempt, through [Executive Order 14160](#), to end birthright citizenship:

“We laud the Supreme Court’s ruling today upholding the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment and invalidating the Trump Administration’s cynical and cruel attempt to deny automatic citizenship to some children born in the United States based on their parents’ immigration status. Originally adopted as a civil rights guarantee, birthright citizenship provides a clear, stable rule for determining citizenship at birth - reducing uncertainty and promoting equal treatment for all under the law.

“This decision affirms the fundamental principle that, barring very narrow exceptions, every child born in this country is entitled to the full rights and protections guaranteed by the Constitution. At a time when immigrant communities continue to face mounting legal challenges, today’s ruling serves as an important reminder of the enduring strength of these protections.

“We are a country of immigrants. With these repeated attacks on the communities served by The Legal Aid Society, it is more important than ever to stand with our immigrant neighbors, defend their constitutional rights, and ensure that every person is treated with the dignity, fairness, and equal protection they deserve under the law.”

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