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**Judge Certifies Class, Issues Preliminary Injunction  
Protecting Birthright Citizenship**

*Plaintiffs in CASA v. Trump Filed for a Class Action After SCOTUS Decision in June*

**GREENBELT, MD** — Yesterday, a federal judge acted to protect the rights of all children who have been born in the United States or who will be born in the United States after February 19, 2025, who would be impacted by the Executive Order purporting to limit birthright citizenship. After certifying a class of all such children, the Court granted a preliminary injunction stopping the Executive Order from taking effect. Children born in the United States continue to be U.S. citizens regardless of their parent's immigration status.

The plaintiffs and class counsel in *CASA v. Trump* issued the following statements:

"I am proud to be a class representative in this lawsuit, and I will continue to proudly represent other families like mine who are fighting for their children's constitutional rights," **said Liza, a named plaintiff in the lawsuit and member of the Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP)**. "Today's decision affirms that U.S.-born children have a constitutional right to U.S. citizenship, regardless of their parents' immigration status."

"This ruling is a critical victory in the fight to protect immigrant families and the constitutional promise of equal treatment under the law," **said George Escobar, Chief of Programs and Services at CASA**. "No parent should have to fear that their child will be born without a country. This injunction blocks a cruel and unlawful policy from taking effect and it sends a clear message that our communities will not be silenced or sidelined. We are in this fight until every child's right to citizenship is fully protected."

"Once again, this illegal Executive Order attacking birthright citizenship and the U.S. Constitution has been stopped by the courts," shared **Swapna Reddy, Co-Executive Director of the Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP)**. "This decision reflects the hard work of expecting parents who have fought for their children's right to U.S. citizenship and a country to call home. But this case is far from over. ASAP and our members will continue the fight for the right of birthright citizenship for all U.S. born children."

"Judge Boardman's rulings make clear that, after the Supreme Court's decision limiting universal injunctions, a preliminary injunction protecting all members of the plaintiff class—all babies born or who will be born in the U.S. and to whom the Executive Order would otherwise apply—is necessary to ensure that no one loses their constitutionally guaranteed citizenship



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under this blatantly unlawful Executive Order,” said **William Powell, Senior Counsel at ICAP**. “We look forward to continuing to protect the right to birthright citizenship that the Constitution provides.”

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