

Executive Order on Birthright Citizenship Activation Toolkit

Background

This messaging toolkit is a living document that provides organizations with tools on how to message around and respond to the Birthright Citizenship Executive Order.

Groups are already springing into action, activating their members, and so on, and we'd like to amplify all this work on social media and issue statements of support in different channels.

Topline Messaging

- The Constitution is clear: all persons born in the U.S. are citizens of the U.S. This Executive Order is a direct attack on the Constitution and the 14th Amendment.
- This Executive Order has caused chaos in immigrant communities. It is not clear who could be impacted. Asylum seekers, TPS holders, and others with pending green card applications are not even sure if the Birthright Citizenship Executive Order applies to them.
- Upending birthright citizenship creates chaos for everyone in the U.S. – including US citizens. U.S. citizens have long considered a birth certificate their proof of U.S. citizenship – but if that is no longer the case it impacts U.S. citizens, immigrants, and state and federal agencies.
- Immigrant parents throughout the U.S. worry that if their children do not become U.S. citizens, their children will not belong in the country where they are born and raised.
- The Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in *CASA v. Trump*. The Trump administration is banking on the Supreme Court gutting nationwide injunctions that have protected families until now. If the justices allow birthright citizenship to apply in only some states, it would create a fractured, chaotic system where a child born in one state is a citizen and in another stateless. This ruling could upend our national identity and destabilize millions of lives.

History of the 14th Amendment

Since its founding, the United States has had a fundamental principle of giving U.S. citizenship to children born in the United States. However, this principle was not applied equally, and Black people were deprived of this right. More than 150 years ago, Black people worked together to end slavery in the United States and to secure a more equal right to U.S. citizenship. As a result, the 14th Amendment was added to the U.S. constitution.

As explained in the [New York Times](#), “Ratified after the Civil War, the [14th] amendment was meant to ensure that, with slavery abolished, Black people’s citizenship would be protected.”

After the 14th Amendment was passed, the law was not applied equally. More than 100 years ago, Chinese communities in the U.S. worked together to defend this right for the children of immigrants – winning a landmark Supreme Court decision called *Wong Kim Ark*.

Status of Pending Litigation

On February 5, 2025, a federal judge in Maryland issued a nationwide injunction, blocking the Executive Order from being implemented on February 19, 2025. This nationwide injunction was issued in the case *CASA v. Trump*, which was filed by 5 pregnant immigrant mothers, CASA and the Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP).

The government filed a motion to end the nationwide injunction, which was rejected by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. As of **March 11, 2025**, the government had fast tracked *CASA v. Trump* to the Supreme Court, which will have tremendous consequences for all Americans in this country, including U.S. citizens. There are multiple federal lawsuits challenging the legality of the Birthright Citizenship Executive Order, but three cases are at the Supreme Court – *CASA v. Trump*, the *State of New Jersey v. Trump*, and the *State of Washington v. Trump*.

Tracking

Please use the hashtags below so that we can amplify and track all social media activity:

- #OurKidsBelong
- #WeBelong
- #BirthrightCitizenship

Links of Articles:

- *NEW ON NATIONWIDE INJUNCTION*
 - CNN: [Federal judge blocks Trump's executive order to end birthright citizenship](#)
 - New York Times: [Judge Blocks Trump's Birthright Citizenship Order Nationwide](#)
 - BBC: [Judge blocks Trump's bid to restrict birthright citizenship](#)
- NBC News: [Trump birthright citizenship order could leave U.S.-born babies of asylum-seekers 'stateless,' attorneys say](#)
- The 19th News: [‘My child will be stateless’: Pregnant women sue Trump administration over the end of birthright citizenship](#)
- New York Magazine's The Cut: [Seeking Asylum. Pregnant. Terrified.](#)
- CBS News: [Immigrant Groups File Lawsuit in Maryland over Trump's order on Birthright Citizenship](#)
- Univision: [Cómo una orden de Trump puede dejar apátrida al bebé de Mónica, una madre solicitante de asilo](#)

Sample Social Media Posts & Graphics

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Sample Captions:	Graphics:
Millions of immigrants are worried about what the Birthright Citizenship Executive Order will mean for their kids. #OurKidsBelong #WeBelong #BirthrightCitizenship	Graphic #1 Instagram Post:  #OurKidsBelong “ When a child is born here, this country becomes their future, their hope, and their opportunity. ASYLUM SEEKER ON PROTECTING BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP Graphic #1 Instagram Story:
ALT Text: Millions of families are now worried about how this executive order will impact their kids. See how immigrant communities are responding: [insert link]	

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Parents throughout the country are worried: if their children are not born U.S. citizens, will they belong? #OurKidsBelong #BirthrightCitizenship	Graphic #2 Instagram Post:

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**BIRTHRIGHT
CITIZENSHIP**

#OurKidsBelong

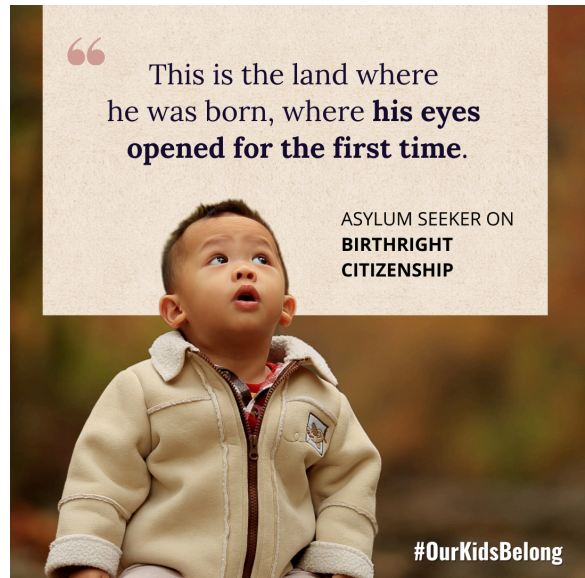


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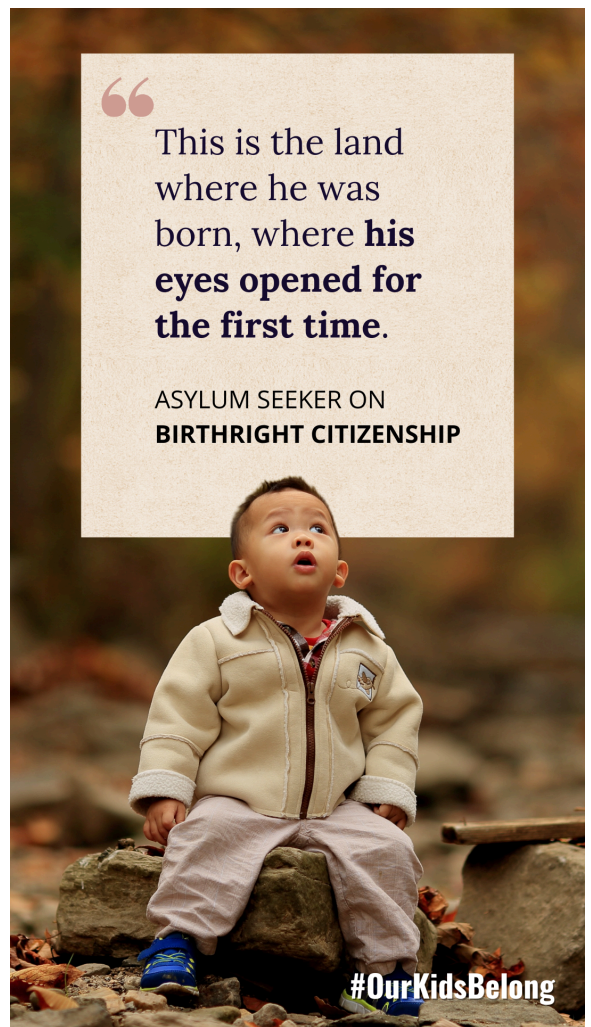
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At a time when pregnant moms should be focused on the health of their babies, they are worried their children might be born stateless. See how pregnant moms are fighting to stop Executive Order [link]	Graphic #3 Instagram Post:

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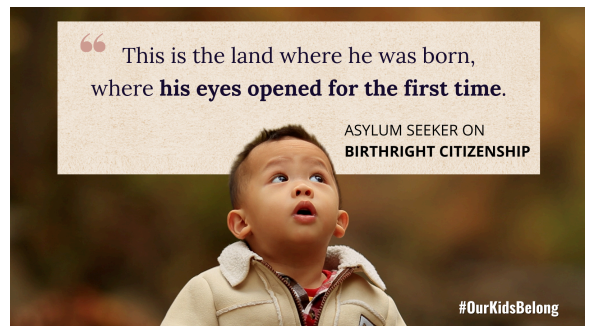
Pregnant moms now worry their children will be born stateless, despite being born in the US. See how pregnant moms are fighting to stop this Executive Order [link]



Graphic #3 Instagram Story:



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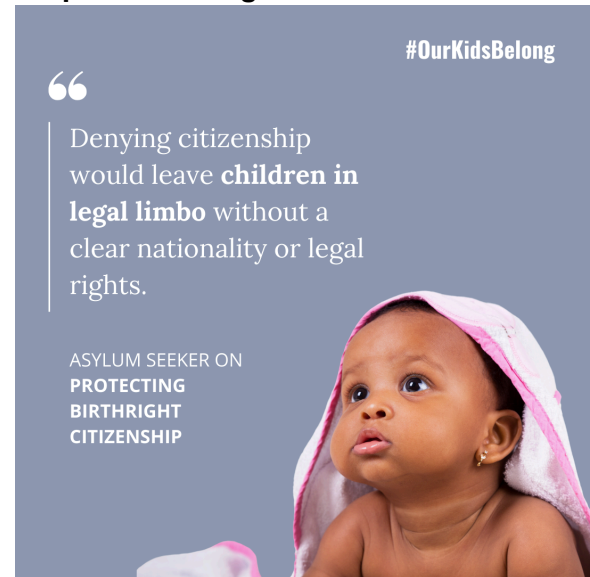


The President of the United States cannot amend the Constitution with an Executive Order. Read about the lawsuits filed by pregnant moms and organizations who represent them [link]

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Many groups are coming together to protect birthright citizenship. Read about the lawsuits filed by pregnant moms and organizations who represent them [link]

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**PROTECTING BIRTHRIGHT
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ALT Text:

#BirthrightCitizenship is guaranteed by the 14th Amendment. Come together to protect birthright citizenship. Learn more [\[link\]](#)

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Graphic #7 Instagram Post:



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ALT TEXT

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