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**LDF Condemns Supreme Court Decision Limiting Judges from Providing Nationwide Relief from Trump Birthright Citizenship Executive Order**

Today, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision in three consolidated cases — *Trump v. CASA*, *Trump v. Washington*, and *Trump v. New Jersey* — determining whether lower court judges can issue universal injunctions to block executive orders nationwide. This issue made its way to the Supreme Court after several federal judges blocked the Trump administration from denying birthright citizenship through the birthright citizenship executive order.

The court granted the government's request for a partial stay and decided that, in general, universal injunctions likely exceed the equitable powers of federal courts unless they are necessary to vindicate the rights of the parties who filed the lawsuit. Now, the lower court in each of the consolidated birthright citizenship cases before the court must determine the proper scope of the injunction it issued.

In response to today's decision, Sam Spital, Associate Director-Counsel at the Legal Defense Fund (LDF), issued the following statement:

"The administration's attempt to deny citizenship to many children born in the United States is unquestionably unconstitutional, and nothing in today's Supreme Court opinion suggests otherwise. Yet, the court has nonetheless created a real risk that the administration's unconstitutional order will go into effect in many parts of the country in 30 days. The court's decision is a serious blow to the rule of law, and it threatens the stability of countless families across our country and leaves them vulnerable to the executive order. We are disappointed in this decision, but we will continue fighting against attempts to undermine the stability of families and rightful citizens of the United States."

In a separate challenge that was not considered in today's ruling, a group of immigrants' rights advocates represented by LDF and co-counsel filed a lawsuit challenging the birthright citizenship executive order. On Feb. 10, a federal court in New Hampshire issued a preliminary injunction blocking the order that seeks to strip certain babies born in the United States of their U.S. citizenship. The case — *New Hampshire Indonesian Community Support v. Donald J. Trump* — currently before a federal court of appeals, is scheduled for oral argument on August 1. To learn more about this case, [visit our webpage](#).

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