

Consortium Joins Amicus Brief Defending the Right of Abused and Abandoned Immigrant Youth to Stay in the United States

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On December 2, 2020, the Consortium [joined its sister organizations from across the country](#) on an amicus brief before the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit opposing the Trump Administration's efforts to deport abused and abandoned immigrant youth from the United States. The case, *JLPP v. Barr*, exemplifies the Trump Administration's attempts to undermine the purpose of the Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) program by depriving its recipients of its benefits. The brief argues that federal law does not allow for the removal of a SIJS beneficiary awaiting a green card, and recent attempts to remove SIJS-approved immigrant youth – as in the case of J.L.P.P. – run contrary to Congress's intent in setting up the SIJS program.

The Consortium wishes to thank Consortium member organization the Lowenstein Center for the Public Interest at Lowenstein Sandler for their leadership in fighting SIJS-eligible removals across the United States.