



# News Release

## Statement from Comptroller Brooke Lierman on U.S. Supreme Court's Decision to Uphold Birthright Citizenship

**ANNAPOLIS, Md. (June 30, 2026)** — **Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman** today issued the following statement on the U.S. Supreme Court's Decision to uphold birthright citizenship.

"Today, the Supreme Court reaffirmed what the 14th Amendment has always said: if you are born in America, you are an American.

"This right is not a loophole. It is a promise written into our Constitution after the Civil War, a promise that belonging cannot depend on who your parents are, where they came from, or what paperwork they carry.

"As President Ronald Reagan declared in his farewell address, the most defining factor of our nation is this: you can come from anywhere on Earth and become an American. And that includes giving birth to children here who grow up to become our future. That idea is not weakness. It is our greatest strength.

"Today's ruling protects millions of children from statelessness. It protects the integrity of the 14th Amendment. And it reaffirms that no president - no matter who they are - can rewrite the Constitution with a pen and executive order.

“The fight to dismantle this principle was never really about immigration policy. It was about deciding who counts. Who belongs. Who gets a voice. We the People must mean *all* of us.

“Thankfully, today, the Supreme Court agreed.”

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