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(New York, NY) Yesterday Childrens Rights filed an [amicus brief](#) with eight other leading child welfare organizations before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, in opposition to the Trump administrations proposed regulations that would allow children to be detained indefinitely and would abolish detention facility standards and other protections for migrant children provided by the 1993 Flores agreement.

The brief argues that the new regulations violate legal requirements from the Flores agreement and would increase the irreparable psychological harm that detention inflicts on children, even when they are detained with their families. The brief also highlights how the new regulations would allow the Trump administration to license and conduct oversight over its own facilities rather than requiring facilities be licensed by states, which puts children in danger by dispensing with critical safety mechanisms present in state-licensed facilities.

In continuing to fight established legal precedent on the humane treatment of children in migrant detention facilities, the Trump administration threatens to put these children at even greater risk of harm while they are detained, said **Christina Remlin, Lead Counsel at Childrens Rights**. Rigorous state licensing requirements in line with the Flores agreement cannot be treated as optional because allowing facilities to self-license puts children in danger.

In addition to Childrens Rights, signatories to the brief include The Center for the Study of Social Policy, The Center for Children & Youth Justice, The Center on Children and Families, The Childrens Advocacy Institute, First Star, Inc., the Juvenile Law Center, The Childrens Law Center, and the National Association of Counsel For Children. The law firm of Chapman and Cutler LLP is serving as pro bono counsel to Childrens Rights in connection with its challenge to the regulations and drafted the brief. Childrens Rights and partner organizations [previously submitted](#) an amicus brief in *Flores v. Barr* to the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California in August of 2019.

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