

Made In America

Myths & Facts about Birthright Citizenship

Washington D.C. - The Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution affirms that all persons born in the United States (and subject to its jurisdiction) have a birthright to citizenship, or, in other words, are automatically U.S. Citizens upon birth. During the last presidential election cycle the issue of birthright citizenship was used to challenge the legitimacy of both major parties' candidates. And this year, like every other, bills will be introduced in Congress to deny U.S. citizenship to the children of unauthorized immigrants as a "cure" to our broken immigration system. However, what are the legal and practical issues surrounding birthright citizenship? What does the Constitution provide for and what is at stake when it comes to preserving the birthrights of our citizens? In time for Citizenship Day, the Immigration Policy Center will host a teleconference to release a series of Perspectives pieces on birthright citizenship entitled: [***Made in America, Myths & Facts about Birthright Citizenship \[1\]***](#). The series includes: *Defining "American" Birthright Citizenship and the Original Understanding of the 14th Amendment* by James C. Ho, *Policy Arguments in Favor of Retaining America's Birthright Citizenship Law* by Margaret D. Stock, *Debunking Modern Arguments Against Birthright Citizenship* by Elizabeth B. Wydra, and *A New Nativism: Anti-Immigration Politics and the Fourteenth Amendment* by Eric Ward.

WHAT:

On-the-record, telephonic briefing with Q&A to release *Made in America: Myths and Facts about Birthright Citizenship*.

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WHO:

- Michele Waslin, Senior Policy Analyst, Immigration Policy Center (Moderator)
- Margaret Stock, Attorney and Lieutenant Colonel, Military Police Corps, US Army Reserve
- Elizabeth Wydra, Chief Counsel, Constitutional Accountability Center
- Eric Ward, National Field Director, Center for New Community

WHEN:

Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 2 p.m. EST (11am PST)

- [Immigration Policy Center](#)

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