



Galveston-Houston Immigrant  
Representation Project

**URGENT: Cancellation of Stop Work Order – A Victory for Unaccompanied Children**

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**HOUSTON, TX** – [Chiqui Sanchez Kennedy](#), Executive Director of the [Galveston-Houston Immigrant Representation Project \(GHIRP\)](#), issued the following statement in response to the cancellation of the Stop Work Order (SWO) that previously halted legal services for unaccompanied children:

"The cancellation of the Stop Work Order is a critical victory for the thousands of unaccompanied children who rely on legal representation to navigate the complex immigration system. This reversal ensures that children fleeing violence, trafficking, and persecution will once again have access to the protections they are entitled to under the law. Our Immigrant Children and Youth (ICY) team at GHIRP has advocated tirelessly to ensure that no child is left to face immigration court alone, and we remain committed to this mission without interruption.

"While we welcome this decision, we must remain vigilant. The uncertainty caused by this abrupt halt in services underscores the urgent need for stable, long-term commitments to legal representation for immigrants and especially for unaccompanied minors. We call on policymakers to prioritize sustained funding and protections so that no child's safety is ever jeopardized again by political decisions."

"We are grateful for the commitment and support of our community, who stood by us during this crisis. Thank you to everyone who took action to reverse this decision – over 15,000 letters were sent to Congress demanding that these services be restored. We are stronger together and we will continue to advocate for justice, human dignity, and due process for every immigrant in need."

For more information on how to support our work, please visit [ghirp.org](http://ghirp.org) and [donate](#).

### **About GHIRP**

We are a group of dedicated lawyers and legal professionals committed to providing high-quality legal services to low-income immigrants in the Galveston-Houston area. GHIRP provides zealous advocacy at every level, from Know Your Rights (KYR) presentations to federal litigation without restrictions. As a local, nimble organization, we focus on issues that immigrants are facing in our community. We use education, representation, and outreach to serve and advocate for our immigrant clients.