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Court Rules in Favor of Local U.S. Citizens and Documented Immigrant Youth: Granting Equal Access to Driver's Licenses and Ohio IDs

CINCINNATI, OH - Today, a federal District Court Judge, confirming a decision made last week, ruled that the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles cannot deny driver's licenses and Ohio identification cards to otherwise eligible U.S. citizens and documented children of foreign-born parents because of the parents' immigration status. This ruling comes after the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center (IJPC) discovered that minors who were applying for their driver's license were being unlawfully turned away due to their parent's immigration status as a result of a discriminatory BMV policy. The class action lawsuit won by Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE) will improve the lives of thousands of U.S. citizens and documented immigrant youth living in the state of Ohio.

IJPC will discuss the ruling and what it means for Ohio and its impact on local youth at a news conference at 3:00pm on Wednesday, February 26 at its offices at the Peaslee Neighborhood Center at 215 East 14th Street in Cincinnati, Ohio.

WHAT: News conference to celebrate court victory

WHEN: Wednesday, February 26 at 3:00PM

WHERE: Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center (IJPC), 215 E 14th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202, second floor of the Peaslee Neighborhood Center.

Parking available in the Ziegler Park garage off Sycamore.

WHO: Primary youth plaintiff, IJPC, and ABLE

About the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center

The Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center educates and advocates for peace, challenges unjust local, national and global systems, and promotes the creation of a nonviolent society. Founded in 1985, IJPC is supported by faith-based organizations and individuals who work together to educate around justice issues, take collaborative action, and engage in public witness. IJPC addresses local, national and international concerns focusing on the death penalty, immigration, human trafficking, and peace and nonviolence. For more information and to get involved, please contact Executive Director, Allison Reynolds-Berry, MSW at [513.579.8547](tel:513.579.8547) or visit www.ijpccincinnati.org

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