

U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:25-cv-02942-TJK

L.G.M.L et al v. NOEM et al

Assigned to: Judge Timothy J. Kelly

Date Filed	Docket Text
08/31/2025	MINUTE ORDER: The Court has reviewed the Plaintiffs' Complaint and Motion for Temporary Restraining Order. Given the exigent circumstances, it has determined that an immediate Order is warranted to maintain the status quo until a hearing can be set. As the Plaintiffs have satisfied the four factors governing the issuance of preliminary relief, the Court accordingly ORDERS that: 1) The Plaintiffs' 2 Motion for TRO is GRANTED; 2) The Defendants shall not remove any of the individual Plaintiffs from the United States for 14 days absent further Order of the Court; and 3) The parties shall appear for a hearing on August 31, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in Courtroom 14 before Judge Sparkle L. Sooknanan. A zoom link will follow. Signed by Judge Sparkle L. Sooknanan on 8/31/2025. (lcak) (Entered: 08/31/2025)
08/31/2025	MINUTE ORDER: The Plaintiffs are ORDERED to make all reasonable efforts to give notice to the Defendants of the Court's Order entered this morning at 4:22 a.m. on August 31, 2025, and that a hearing will be held in this matter on August 31, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in Courtroom 14 before Judge Sparkle L. Sooknanan. At the hearing, the Parties should be prepared to discuss, among other things, how the Court should proceed with respect to class certification. Signed by Judge Sparkle L. Sooknanan on 8/31/2025. (lcak) (Entered: 08/31/2025)
08/31/2025	MINUTE ORDER: The court will provide access for the public to telephonically attend the hearing scheduled for August 31, 2025, at 12:30 PM. The hearing can be accessed by dialing the Toll-Free Number: 833-990-9400 (Meeting ID: 908397395). It is hereby ORDERED that the attendees using the public access telephone line shall adhere to the following: persons remotely accessing court proceedings are reminded of the general prohibition against photographing, recording, and rebroadcasting any court proceedings (including those held by telephone or videoconference). Violation of these prohibitions may result in sanctions, including removal of court-issued media credentials, restricted entry to future hearings, denial of entry to future hearings, or any other sanctions deemed necessary by the presiding Judge. Signed by Judge Sparkle L. Sooknanan on 8/31/2025. (zlsj) Modified to amend hearing time on 8/31/2025 (znbn).(Entered: 08/31/2025)
08/31/2025	MINUTE ORDER: The Court received notification that putative class members are in the process of being removed from the United States. The hearing previously set for August 31, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in Courtroom 14 has been rescheduled to August 31, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. in Courtroom 14 before Judge Sparkle L. Sooknanan. Zoom information will be emailed to the parties. Signed by Judge Sparkle L. Sooknanan on 8/31/2025. (lcak) (Entered: 08/31/2025)
08/31/2025	MINUTE ORDER: The Court has reviewed the Plaintiffs' Complaint, Motion for Temporary Restraining Order, and Motion to Certify Class. Given the exigent circumstances, it has determined that an immediate Order is warranted to maintain

the status quo until a hearing can be set. The Plaintiffs have satisfied the four factors governing the issuance of preliminary relief, including irreparable harm from transportation outside the United States. In light of the Plaintiffs' 2 Motion for TRO and the Plaintiffs' 6 Motion to Certify Class, the Court further ORDERS that the Defendants shall not transfer, repatriate, remove, or otherwise facilitate the transport of any Plaintiff or member of the putative class from the United States for 14 days absent further Order of the Court. The Court ORDERS that the Defendants cease any ongoing efforts to transfer, repatriate, remove, or otherwise facilitate the transport of any Plaintiff or member of the putative class from the United States. The putative class includes all Guatemalan unaccompanied minors in Department of Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement custody as of 1:02 AM on August 31, 2025, the time of the filing of the Complaint, who are not subject to an executable final order of removal. "[B]ecause courts may issue temporary relief to a putative class, [the Court] need not decide whether a class should be certified as to the detainees' [] claims in order to temporarily enjoin the Government from removing putative class members." A. A. R. P. v. Trump, 145 S. Ct. 1364, 1369 (2025) (citing 2 W. Rubenstein, Newberg & Rubenstein on Class Actions § 4:30 (6th ed. 2022 and Supp. 2024)). Signed by Judge Sparkle L. Sooknanan on 8/31/2025, 12:37 PM. (lcak) (Entered: 08/31/2025)