

# Brief in Support of Special Immigrant Juvenile Application

## Introduction

This memorandum is respectfully submitted in support of the Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) application for the petitioner. The petitioner seeks classification as a Special Immigrant Juvenile under the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), Section 101(a)(27)(J).

## Statement of Facts

The petitioner is a minor currently residing in the United States. A juvenile court has made the requisite findings that returning to the petitioner’s country of origin is not in their best interest and that reunification with one or both parents is not viable due to abuse, neglect, abandonment, or a similar basis under state law.

## Legal Argument

The Immigration and Nationality Act allows certain noncitizen minors to qualify for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) if they meet specific requirements. The petitioner satisfies all eligibility criteria as established under INA §101(a)(27)(J) and 8 C.F.R. §204.11:

- The petitioner is under 21 years of age.
- The petitioner is unmarried.
- The petitioner has been declared dependent on a juvenile court or has been placed under the custody of an agency or department of a state, or an individual or entity appointed by a state or juvenile court.
- Reunification with one or both of the petitioner’s parents is not viable due to abuse, neglect, abandonment, or a similar basis under state law.
- It is not in the petitioner’s best interest to be returned to their country of nationality or last habitual residence.

## Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the petitioner respectfully requests that the application for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Exhibits

1. Juvenile court order
2. Birth certificate
3. Affidavits and supporting documentation

Additional Information:

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