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Closure for Ms. L Class Members, Potential Class Members, and Their Children

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## Disseminated on behalf of Ken Padilla and Adam V. Loiacono . . .

On June 26, 2018, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California issued a nationwide preliminary injunction in *Ms. L. v. I.C.E.*, requiring, subject to limited exceptions, including those separated in the interior of the United States, the reunification of noncitizen parents and their children from whom they were previously separated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). 310 F.Supp.3d 1133 (S.D. Cal. 2018). Reunification of the separated families remains ongoing. On November 15, 2018, a partial settlement agreement was entered into, establishing the mechanism by which certain separated parents and their children may pursue asylum or other protection in the United States. The parties have since resumed negotiations with a goal of reaching agreement on a comprehensive settlement consistent with President Biden's February 2, 2021, Executive Order, titled *Executive Order on the Establishment of Interagency Task Force on the Reunification of Families*." Exec. Order No. 14,011, 86 Fed. Reg. 8273 (Feb. 2, 2021) (E.O. 14,011) (establishing a task force whose objectives include facilitating reunification of children separated from their families at the United States-Mexico border between January 20, 2017, and January 20, 2021, under the prior administration's "Zero-Tolerance" Policy and providing additional services and support to the families, including trauma and mental health services).

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