



## **Legislative UPDATE: AB 560 (Gomez) Protecting the legal rights of Immigrant children**

A big thanks to CAOC member Noemi Esparza of the Dreyer Babich firm for testifying last week in support of AB 560 (Gomez).

Sponsored by MALDEF, the bill would prohibit consideration of a child's immigration status while seeking recovery in court. Although California law allows undocumented people access to the courts, that access can be severely undermined when defense tactics are used to block redress by bringing in a plaintiff's immigration status in a case. AB 560 will clarify that this information is irrelevant when it comes to undocumented children.



**Noemi Esparza**

We hope this bill will open up a larger discussions on the procedural hurdles immigrants face in the courts that result in grave injustices, including the problem of their recovery for loss of future earnings being limited to what they would make in their country of citizenship.

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