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Angel Families Urge Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to Set Aside Border Wall Injunction

Families of loved ones killed by illegal immigrants are urging the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to lift a federal judge's injunction that blocks President Trump's attempts for new border wall construction. President Trump directed the transfer of Department of Defense funds through an emergency declaration earlier this year.

Landmark Legal Foundation filed a brief on behalf of a group of "Angel Families" and a victim's support group, Advocates for Victims of Illegal Alien Crimes (AVIAC).

"Each one of these families has suffered the loss of a loved one to individuals in this country illegally," said Landmark President Pete Hutchison, who filed the brief in a San Francisco court last week.

"Yet," Hutchison continued, "the federal judge in this case has bent over backwards to treat the hiking and camping interests of Sierra Club members as more important than the safety of the American people."

Landmark's brief argues that Congress has failed to fix the broken immigration system for decades. The refusal of state and local to assist federal officials trying to enforce existing law make matters much worse.

"These Angel Families simply cannot understand why so many state and local officials are more interested in shielding bad actors than protecting the public," said Hutchison. "We are going to make sure that the Ninth Circuit hears them. And we will be there when the U.S. Supreme Court hears this case, as it surely will."

Landmark's brief argues that President Trump's transfer of funds for military construction to border wall complied with federal statutes. But even if it does not, Landmark contends that the president has the inherent authority to defend U.S. borders and public safety under the U.S. Constitution.

The case is *Sierra Club v. Trump* and is set for oral argument in October. Landmark Legal Foundation is a national public interest law firm.