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## **CHILD USA APPLAUDS PRESIDENT BIDEN FOR SIGNING GROUNDBREAKING BILL ENDING FORCED ARBITRATION IN WORKPLACE SEXUAL MISCONDUCT CASES**

*Leaders from CHILD USA, the Leading Think Tank Dedicated to the Prevention of Youth Sex Abuse, Says Law Is a Critical Step Towards Justice for Survivors*

**Philadelphia, PA** – This week President Biden signed the groundbreaking [S. 2342](#) into a law, a bipartisan bill that ends forced arbitration in workplace sexual assault and harassment cases, allowing survivors to file lawsuits in court against perpetrators. **Marci Hamilton—Founder & CEO of CHILD USA and a leading legal expert on the prevention of child sexual abuse**—released the following statement applauding the President for standing up for victims of sexual misconduct:

“This law is a critical step in giving victims of sexual harassment and violence access to the justice they so richly deserve. Forced arbitration only helps keep perpetrators hidden and the institutions who protect them while silencing survivors.

“We applaud President Biden and Vice President Harris for standing with survivors against powerful corporate interests that would rather bury abuse and misconduct under the rug. This law will shine a light on hidden predators and ensure their victims are able to seek accountability and safety in the workplace. We look forward to the day when all victims of sexual abuse—children and adults alike—are guaranteed access to justice under the law.”

**Kathryn Robb, Executive Director of CHILD USA Advocacy**, added: “As a survivor of sexual abuse, I know the dangers of secrecy and silence by those in power. Our justice system should never allow wrongdoers to steal the voice of their victims, whether adults or children. Harm and injustice thrives in the darkness of silence. Bravo to President Biden for allowing the light of truth to prevail.”

## **Background**

According to the [American Association of Justice](#), forced consumer and employment arbitrations jumped in 2020—and only 4% of claimants won monetary awards. In total, about 60 millions are subject to arbitration clauses.

[S. 2342](#), which was first introduced in 2017, would give a voice to the millions of Americans who bravely come forward with allegations of sexual misconduct by invalidating existing forced arbitration clauses that prevent sexual assault and sexual harassment survivors from seeking justice and public accountability under the laws meant to protect them.

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## **About CHILD USA**

CHILD USA is the leading national nonprofit think tank fighting for the civil rights of children. Our mission is to employ in-depth legal analysis and cutting-edge social science research to protect children, prevent future abuse and neglect, and bring justice to survivors. Visit [www.childusa.org](http://www.childusa.org) for more information.