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**Diane Abbott MP,
Labour's Shadow Home Secretary,**

following the publication of the Supreme Court's judgement on the legality of the minimum income threshold for UK citizens who seek to bring families here, said,

"The Supreme Court accepted the legitimacy of the Government measures, but it also held that Home Office rules unlawfully fail to take account of requirements to safeguard children's welfare.

"These rules cause hardship for thousands of families, prevent UK citizens being united with their families and clearly discriminate against women, BAME communities, and people on lower incomes.

"These measures were drawn up as part of Theresa May's failed policy to reduce net migration. Labour opposes rules that are clearly discriminatory. We will implement a fair and balanced immigration system which does not split families apart."