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IRAP STATEMENT ON THE SUPREME COURT HEARING IN TRUMP V. HAWAII

New York, NY – Tomorrow, the Supreme Court will hear oral argument in Trump v. Hawaii, which challenges the latest iteration of the Trump administration’s travel ban executive order. On the occasion, the International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) at the Urban Justice Center issued the following statement by IRAP’s Litigation Director, Mariko Hirose:

"Ever since the President issued his first executive order on January 27, 2017, IRAP has been at the forefront of challenging the discriminatory Muslim ban. Now, in its third iteration, the ban still targets primarily nationals of Muslim-majority countries, preventing them from reuniting with family, studying in the U.S., seeking medical assistance, attending conferences, and many other activities that others are able to do under our immigration laws.

The courts that have ruled on the merits have all blocked this ban. We hope that the Supreme Court will understand the devastating effects this ban is having on individuals, families, and organizations - not just abroad, but here in the U.S. The Supreme Court should reject the Muslim ban once and for all."

In February, the Fourth Circuit affirmed an injunction blocking the executive order in IRAP’s own challenge, IRAP v. Trump. A petition for review of the decision is currently pending before the Supreme Court.

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