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New York, NY – The Supreme Court has [agreed to hear](#) the case *Trump v. IRAP* in the upcoming October 2017 term, and partially granted a request to allow the Muslim ban and refugee ban to take effect as to individuals without a “bona fide relationship” to persons or entities in the United States.

Earlier this month, the Trump administration asked the Supreme Court to hear the government’s appeal of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals’ decision to uphold the blocking of the Muslim ban. In addition, the Department of Justice also requested that the Supreme Court allow them to enforce the Executive Order, by lifting the suspension of the ban issued by the judges in both the *IRAP v. Trump* and the *Hawaii v. Trump* rulings, the latter of which was also recently reaffirmed by a United States court of appeals.

The [International Refugee Assistance Project \(IRAP\)](#) at the Urban Justice Center vows to continue its efforts to combat the travel and refugee ban, after numerous judges across the country have ruled that the Order was constitutionally suspect.

Becca Heller, IRAP’s Director, said: ““We hope that the Supreme Court will ultimately uphold the ruling of Judges across the country and declare the travel ban unconstitutional and discriminatory in nature. When the first order went into effect, tens of thousands of Americans showed the world that this is not who we are and not what we want. We will never give up defending the rights of those who are affected by this discriminatory executive order.”

IRAP’s co-plaintiffs are HIAS and the Middle East Studies Association, along with several individuals, including U.S. citizens, affected by the ban. They are represented by the National Immigration Law Center (NILC), the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and the ACLU of Maryland.

International Refugee Assistance Project at the Urban Justice Center

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