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New York, NY – Today, the Supreme Court granted a motion from the government requesting the full implementation of the President’s latest version of the Muslim ban, while the case is being litigated. In doing so, the Supreme Court allowed the most recent travel ban executive order to go into effect despite the decisions from the lower courts, which exempted travelers with *bone fide* relationships to U.S. persons or entities. It also veered off its [ruling in June](#) on the previous iteration of the travel ban, which had granted this exemption.

The [International Refugee Assistance Project](#) (IRAP) at the Urban Justice Center is deeply disappointed by the Supreme Court’s decision to grant the government’s motion. This latest executive order, issued on September 24, seeks to enforce not only sweeping but also indefinite travel restrictions on eight nations, disproportionately affecting Muslim-majority countries. District courts in the 9th and 4th Circuit blocked the order from going into full effect, allowing nationals of the affected Muslim-majority countries with *bona fide* relationships to U.S. persons and entities to obtain visas and enter the country.

IRAP’s Litigation Director, Mariko Hirose, said: “The Supreme Court’s decision will prevent many eligible people from reuniting with their families, resuming their studies, or taking up jobs. While this ruling will have devastating consequences for these individuals and the Muslim community at large, IRAP and our partners will not give up fighting until this discriminatory ban is blocked in its entirety.”

An *en banc* panel of judges in the 4th District Court of Appeals will hear oral argument in *IRAP v. Trump* on Friday, December 8, to rule on the merits to the latest travel ban executive order.

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