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### IRAP PRAISES 4<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT RULING AFFIRMING SUSPENSION OF MUSLIM BAN

**New York, NY –** [The International Refugee Assistance Project](#) (IRAP) at the Urban Justice Center applauds the Fourth Circuit Court's ruling today affirming the suspension of President Trump's discriminatory Muslim ban executive order in the case *IRAP v. Trump*, brought by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the National Immigration Law Center (NILC).

This victorious ruling comes after *en banc* oral arguments at a federal appeals court in Richmond, Virginia on May 8th. In the order, Chief Judge Gregory stated that, "in text, [the executive order] speaks with vague words of national security, but in context drips with religious intolerance, animus, and discrimination."

**Becca Heller, IRAP's Director, said:** "Once again, the courts have confirmed that the Muslim Ban is discriminatory and harmful. The President cannot simply slap the words 'national security' on an unconstitutional policy and get away with it. We will fight this ban for as long as it takes."

A federal court in Maryland [blocked part of President Trump's executive order](#) banning travel from six Muslim-majority countries to the U.S. in March, just before the order was to take effect. If implemented, the policy would have also severely affected the vulnerable refugees IRAP works with daily and their ability to seek safety in the United States. While this is a huge victory, IRAP will continue its litigation to uphold the Constitution and pursue policies that protect the rights of the most vulnerable refugees.

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