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## STATEMENT ON CONGRESSWOMAN JAN SCHAKOWSKY'S RESOLUTION CONDEMNING SESSIONS' RULING IN MATTER OF A-B-

In response to Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky's resolution (H.Res 987) condemning Attorney General Jeff Sessions' inhumane effort to deny asylum to victims of domestic violence, Irena Sullivan, Senior Immigration Policy Counsel at Tahirih Justice Center, issued the following statement:

"Tahirih is grateful to Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky for her leadership in responding to the administration's attempts to restrict survivors of domestic violence from receiving asylum in the U.S. Her resolution, introduced a month after the Attorney General's decision in *Matter of A-B-*, is so far supported by 77 members of Congress and more than 20 advocacy organizations. We hope this resolution helps to amplify the call from the American people to the administration to stop its attack on immigrant women fleeing violence. Women who have endured persecution in the form of domestic violence and who cannot find safety in their home countries deserve our protection."

Irena Sullivan, Senior Immigration Policy Counsel, is available for comment on this topic. Please contact <u>dhajjar@mrss.com</u> to arrange an interview.

## About the Tahirih Justice Center

The Tahirih Justice Center is the largest national direct service and policy advocacy organization focused on assisting immigrant women and girls fleeing violence. Tahirih will continue to monitor policy shifts that impact women and girls fleeing violence and advocate for the United States to honor its legal obligations to protect those fleeing human rights abuses.