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TAHIRIH STATEMENT ON PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION ON ASYLUM BAN

The Tahirih Justice Center is relieved that a judge from the San Francisco District Court has issued a preliminary injunction on the asylum ban, forcing the policy to grind to a halt. The rule was initially rolled out by the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security on July 16 and barred anyone approaching the U.S. southern border from applying for asylum, with limited exceptions.

The decision in San Francisco follows an earlier ruling in the D.C. District Court that allowed the ban to continue. However, today's ruling in California applies across the country, meaning that the asylum ban must end nationwide, preserving the right of individuals fleeing persecution to seek asylum at our borders.

"The Tahirih Justice Center applauds today's decision by San Francisco District Court Judge Tigar to halt the July 16 asylum ban," said Archi Pyati, Chief of Policy at the Tahirih Justice Center. "The sweeping policy shuts the door on migrants seeking protection and should never have been put into place, let alone without any public comment period. This temporary stop to the policy gives us hope that it will be struck down for good."

Archi Pyati is available for comment on this topic. Please contact dhajjar@mrss.com 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.

Tahirih Justice Center is a national non-profit that protects courageous immigrant women and girls who refuse to be victims of violence through free legal and social services, public policy advocacy, and training and education. Visit www.tahirih.org for more information.