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## TAHIRIH STATEMENT ON TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER RULING ON ASYLUM BAN

The Tahirih Justice Center is disappointed by today's decision in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to keep last week's asylum ban in effect, which bars anyone approaching the U.S. southern border from applying for asylum, with limited exceptions. The rule was initially rolled out by the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security on July 16 and is being applied at the screening stage at the border as well as in immigration courts.

The requirements for obtaining asylum have always been strict. Now, families, unaccompanied children, and survivors of violence fleeing persecution are barred from applying for asylum before they can even demonstrate their need for protection.

"The Tahirih Justice Center is disappointed with today's ruling by Judge Kelly in the DC District Court that permits the administration's latest asylum ban to continue," said Archi Pyati, Chief of Policy at the Tahirih Justice Center. "The sweeping ban illegally restricts asylum. It was put into effect with no opportunity for comment from the public and has a profound impact on the ability of individuals, including children, to get life-saving protection. The ban reaches a shameful new low in American protection policy and we hope will be struck down in subsequent proceedings."

*Archi Pyati is available for comment on this topic. Please contact [dhajjar@mrss.com](mailto: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](http://www.tahirih.org) for more information.*