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## TAHIRIH STATEMENT ON REINSTATED NATIONWIDE INJUNCTION ON ASYLUM BAN

The Tahirih Justice Center is relieved that today's decision from the San Francisco District Court reinstates a nationwide 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 San Francisco District Court then issued a preliminary injunction to temporarily stop the asylum ban. Later in an appeal by the administration, the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court limited the injunction to only apply to California and New Mexico, which meant that the ban continued to take effect along other parts of the border.

Today's ruling in California applies across the country, meaning that the asylum ban must end nationwide once again, 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 reinstate a nationwide halt on 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. With our <a href="mailto:ongoing lawsuit">ongoing lawsuit</a> against the same asylum ban in DC District Court, we are continuing to fight to ensure that all individuals have a chance to demonstrate their eligibility for asylum and their need for protection."

Archi Pyati is available for comment on this topic. Please contact <a href="mailto:dhajjar@mrss.com">dhajjar@mrss.com</a> 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.