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TAHIRIH STATEMENT ON NINTH CIRCUIT STAY ON 'REMAIN IN MEXICO'

Last night, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals <u>ruled</u> that the injunction to block the harmful 'Remain in Mexico' policy will take effect on March 12, applying only to the border of the Ninth Circuit. This ruling comes after a series of whiplash decisions on 'Remain in Mexico' last Friday, in which the Ninth Circuit originally reinstated a nationwide injunction on the policy, only to suspend it that same day to give the government time to seek a stay.

"Despite recognizing that 'Remain in Mexico' is clearly illegal, the Ninth Circuit will allow the policy to continue along the border outside of California and Arizona," said Richard Caldarone, Tahirih Litigation Counsel. "'Remain in Mexico' has already sent more than 60,000 asylum seekers to Mexico, violating our legal obligation to provide safe haven to those fleeing life-threatening violence at home. We call on the government to end this heinous program entirely."

Richard Caldarone is available for comment on this topic. Please contact dhaijar@mrss.com to arrange an interview.

About the Tahirih Justice Center

The Tahirih Justice Center is a national, nonprofit organization that serves immigrant women and girls seeking safety and justice. We amplify the voices of survivors in communities, courts, and Congress to create a world where women and girls enjoy equality and live in safety and with dignity.