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TAHIRIH STATEMENT ON DC FEDERAL COURT RULING ON ASYLUM BAN LAWSUIT

The Tahirih Justice Center is relieved at [yesterday's decision](#) in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on our lawsuit challenging the third country transit asylum ban, forcing the policy to stop. The asylum ban was issued on July 16, 2019 and barred anyone approaching the U.S. southern border from applying for asylum, with limited exceptions. It was put into effect with no opportunity for comment from the public. The [lawsuit was filed](#) on August 21, 2019, and Tahirih was represented in the action by the American Civil Liberties Union.

“The Tahirih Justice Center applauds today’s decision by Judge Kelly to issue an order vacating the regulations and forcing the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security to go through the normal notice and comment period,” said Julie Carpenter, Senior Litigation Counsel at the Tahirih Justice Center. “The sweeping policy illegally restricts asylum. It shuts the door on migrants seeking protection and should never have been put into place. We will be ready to challenge any appeal on today’s decision, as we fight to safeguard the right of every individual to demonstrate their eligibility for asylum and need for protection.”

Julie Carpenter is available for comment on this topic. Please contact rachelp@tahirih.org to arrange an interview.

About the Tahirih Justice Center

The Tahirih Justice Center is a national, nonprofit organization that serves immigrant survivors 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.