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Statement: The National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (NIPNLG) Denounces President Trump's Discriminatory Executive Order

Today, President Trump signed an executive order seeking to enact the administration's anti-immigrant policies. The Order purports to halt the entry of all noncitizens from several Muslim-majority countries, suspend the Refugee Admission program, and indefinitely suspend the admission of refugees from Syria.

NIPNLG Statement on the anti-Muslim and Anti-Refugee Executive Order

We denounce this Executive Order in the strongest of terms. History demonstrates that such policies and laws as the Chinese Exclusion Act, the so-called Japanese internment, the Palmer Raids, Operation W**back , and others, are in retrospect viewed as irreconcilable with the tenets of democracy. NIPNLG does not require the passage of time to know that the policies in the Executive Order are wretched, will separate families, deny needed humanitarian relief, and decrease freedom for citizen and non-citizen alike.

NIPNLG further denounces the administration's anti-humanitarian decision to shut our doors to refugees from Syria and around the world. The Order pretends to be even-handed but President Trump publicly acknowledges that Christian refugees will be allowed to come into the United States.

NIPNLG joins with activists and people of good will across the nation in denouncing the spirit and letter of the Order. To that end, we repudiate the government's long-held tradition of designating some people as more deserving of rights than others, and urge our colleagues, allies, and the general public to defend the rights of all people. More concretely, NIPNLG will be providing detailed analysis, and strategizing to challenge the provisions of the Order in the coming days.

ABOUT NIPNLG

The National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (NIPNLG) promotes justice and equality of treatment in all areas of immigration law, the criminal justice system, and social policies related to immigration. For over 45 years, the National Immigration Project has served as a progressive source of advocacy-oriented legal support on issues critical to immigrant rights. We develop cutting-edge strategies to respond to illegal immigration enforcement, in order to educate and strengthen the capacity of immigration professionals, immigrant community organizations, and all advocates of fair and just immigration law and policy.



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