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THE SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION STATEMENT & CALL TO ACTION ON ANTI-IMMIGRANT POLICIES

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On October 18, the President's third version of the Travel Ban was set to go into effect. We are fortunate that two Federal Court Judges in Hawaii and Maryland have temporarily halted the implementation of this ban – blocking the administration from denying entry to individuals from Chad, Iran, Libya, Syria, Yemen, and Somalia. Judge Walton of Hawaii wrote that this third attempt at closing our country's doors "suffers from precisely the same maladies as its predecessor." Both rulings do not impact the restrictions on North Koreans or Venezuelans.

The Immigrant Rights Commission would like to make it clear that both Federal Court rulings are temporary measures. This ban will make its way through the court system again, subjecting many families and individuals to the same anxieties as the two former bans, and into a seemingly endless state of limbo. This is yet another attempt by the Administration to force through numerous anti-immigrant policies.

At our Special Hearing on October 2nd, *Impacts of Travel Ban on Communities*, we heard an outpouring of testimony from members of the community, which further demonstrated the true extent of the pain and fear surrounding our immigrant communities. We have heard our impacted communities' testimony loud and clear, and now is a time to respond to the call for action.

The Immigrant Rights Commission encourages members of the public, residents and concerned and impacted individuals throughout the San Francisco Bay Area to act. Join us in this crucial effort! Call on your Members of Congress and urge them to also take action, remembering that our community will not tolerate continued discriminatory actions against our immigrant brothers and sisters.

CALL ON CONGRESS TO OPPOSE ANTI-IMMIGRANT POLICIES:

"My name is [insert name] and I am resident of this Congressional District. I am calling to urge [Member of Congress] to do everything in their power to protect the livelihood and civil rights of our immigrant communities. I am calling because I am concerned about the continued attacks on immigrants, like the several versions of the Travel Ban, and the ending of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). These discriminatory measures are an attack on all Americans, immigrant and non-immigrant alike. I urge [Member of Congress] to take a principled, public stance against this kind of intolerance, as it violates our core values as a nation and seeks to divide America's people."

MAKE THE CALL:

United States Senate:

Office of Senator Feinstein: 202-224-3841

Office of Senator Harris: 202-224-3553

United States House of Representatives:

Office of Rep. Huffman (CA-2): 202-225-5161

Office of Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-5): 202-225-3311

Office of Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (CA-11): 202-225-2095

Office of Rep. Nancy Pelosi (CA-12): 202-225-4965

Office of Rep. Barbara Lee (CA-13): 202-225-2661

Office of Rep. Jackie Speier (CA-14): 202-225-3531

Office of Rep. Eric Swalwell (CA-15): 202-225-5065

Office of Rep. Ro Khanna (CA-17): 202-225-2631

Office of Rep. Anna Eshoo (CA-18): 202-225-8104

Office of Rep. Zoe Lofgren (CA-19): 202-225-3072

Office of Rep. Jimmy Panetta (CA-20): 202-225-2861

About SF OCEIA

The [Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs](#) (OCEIA) is a policy, compliance, direct services and grantmaking office. OCEIA's mission is to promote inclusive policies and foster immigrant assistance programs that lead to full civic, economic and linguistic integration.

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OCEIA partners with city agencies, community-based organizations and the **Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC)** to implement public hearings and dialogues on immigration, language access and public safety.

[The San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission \(IRC\)](#): The purpose of the IRC is to advise the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on issues and policies related to immigrants who live or work in San Francisco. The IRC was created in 1997 when the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 211-97, codified as Article XXI, Chapter 5 of the San Francisco Administrative Code (Section 5.201). The commission consists of fifteen (15) voting members, eleven (11) who are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and four (4) who are appointed by the Mayor. At least eight members must be immigrants to the United States and each member of the Commission serves for a term of two years.