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APALA Applauds Fourth Circuit Ruling

Washington, DC – The Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO (APALA) applauds the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit's ruling to uphold the injunction on the Muslim Ban 2.0, which bans the entry of individuals from six Muslim-majority countries. APALA issued the following statement from Johanna Puno Hester, APALA National President & Assistant Executive Director of the United Domestic Workers, AFSCME Local 3930, in response:

"This is another huge victory for the resistance as well as worker, immigrant, and civil rights. We commend the Fourth Circuit's ruling and its recognition to reject an agenda that threatens our country's values of diversity, inclusion, and religious tolerance. Earlier this month, APALA was proud to declare #NoMuslimBanEver during our #AAPIsResist Month of Action because we know what is at stake. Our Asian American and Pacific Islander community deeply understands the pain and trauma of exclusion, incarceration, and deportation. The court's ruling gives us hope that our collective resistance is not only working but is shifting the narrative. As we close out Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and celebrate Immigrant Heritage Month in June, let us remember that while these victories are momentous, we need to continue to resist, organize, and fight back moving forward."

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