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APALA on SCOTUS ruling: “Offensive to all immigrants and refugees”

Washington, DC – Today, the U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) released an opinion that partially lifts the injunction on the Muslim Ban, which would now bar entry to individuals without any connection to a person or entity in the United States. The Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO (APALA) condemns this decision that poorly reflects our nation’s history and legacy of welcoming immigrants and refugees.

Johanna Puno Hester, APALA National President and Assistant Executive Director of the United Domestic Workers, AFSCME Local 3930, commented: “As an immigrant to this country myself, I am extremely upset by a SCOTUS ruling so offensive to all immigrants and refugees. The religious intolerance and racial discrimination that the administration continues to unabashedly display in its rhetoric and policy is not only disgusting but is a direct attack on our nation’s core values.”

“With Gorsuch rounding out the Supreme Court, these rulings will have a tremendous, far-reaching impact on millions of people both nationwide and abroad,” added APALA Executive Director Alvina Yeh. “That’s why our fight for immigrant and refugee communities continues despite whatever decision the Supreme Court rules in the fall. Our fight goes beyond holding elected officials accountable; it extends to protecting the very people in our families, friends, and communities from hate and discrimination.”

Hester concluded: “We will not give into fear-mongering at the highest levels of government. Rather, we will defend our democracy with everything we’ve got and show the administration that our resistance will be stronger than ever.”

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