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## **APALA Outraged by SCOTUS Decision on the Muslim Ban**

Washington, DC - The Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO (APALA) is outraged by the Supreme Court's decision to fully reinstate the third version of the Muslim Ban. APALA National President Monica Thammarath released the following statement:

"Six of the eight countries in this third iteration are Muslim majority countries. The reinstatement of the Muslim Ban is unacceptable at the highest level of our judiciary and will have disastrous consequences on our nation's values and moral fabric. In a time where communities of color, immigrants, and refugees are under attack, we must redefine the narrative of security in this country. To be non-white is to live in an un-safe world simply because of the color of one's skin. As an Asian American and Pacific Islander community, we understand the pain of xenophobia – from heightened surveillance of Muslim- or perceived-to-be-Muslim communities after 9/11 to the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. The Supreme Court is letting history repeat itself -- a stain that will go down in history during Trump's white supremacist, right wing era."

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