Congress: Push Back Against the Trump’s Unconstitutional Muslim Ban & Biased Extreme Vetting Programs

On June 26, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation’s largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, decried the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to allow President Trump’s third version of his unconstitutional and discriminatory Muslim travel ban executive order, “Muslim Ban 3.0,” to remain in effect. In a 5-4 decision, the court reversed an injunction that had -- until December 2017 -- prevented the Trump administration from using the Muslim Ban 3.0 as a basis for denying visas to foreign nationals from eight affected countries.

In her dissent, Justice Sotomayor wrote: “A reasonable observer would conclude that the Proclamation was driven primarily by anti-Muslim animus, rather than by the Government’s asserted national-security justifications. Even before being sworn into office, then-candidate Trump stated that ‘Islam hates us.’”

Muslim Ban 3.0 prevents travel to the United States citizens from six predominantly Muslim nations: Iran, Libya, Syria, Yemen, Somalia, and Chad. While this executive action includes two countries – Venezuela and North Korea – that are not Muslim majority, nationals of those countries do not face categorical bans. CAIR believes that Muslim Ban 3.0 is a case for Congress to also decide on. Congress can assert that the ban is against American principles by offering new legal protections to travelers to the U.S.

Thankfully, many members of Congress have stepped up and introduced or co-sponsored legislation that pushes back against this anti-Muslim policy agenda and protects our nation’s systems of laws and values. Below is a brief list of congressional acts that CAIR is asking Congress to support:

Members in the U.S. House of Representatives, Please Co-Sponsor & Support:

- **Defund the Muslim Ban 3.0: H.R. 4271 / S. 1979** – To block the implementation of Muslim Ban 3.0, which restrict individuals from certain countries from entering the United States. Contact Rep. Judy Chu and Sen. Chris Murphy’s offices to support.
- **No Religious Registry Act of 2017 (H.R. 489) / Protect American Families Act (S. 54)** – To prohibit the creation of an immigration-related registry program that classifies people based on religion, race, age, gender, ethnicity, national origin, nationality, or citizenship. Rep. Suzan DelBene and Sen. Cory Booker’s offices to support.