

NAKASEC Statement on New Muslim & Refugee Ban Executive Order

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(Annandale, VA) NAKASEC and its affiliates, the Korean Resource Center (Los Angeles & Orange County) and Hana Center (greater Chicago), condemn the Trump administration's continued attack on our refugee and Muslim sisters and brothers.

Make no mistake. The new executive order, Protecting The Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry To The United States, does not change the fact that this is a misguided policy that is motivated by fear. By casting immigrants and refugees as terrorists, President Trump is not only undermining some of the basic tenets of American democracy, but also fomenting a culture of hate which directly led to the murder of Indian American Srinivas Kuchibholta in Kansas last week. Friend of NAKASEC and leader of the Arab American Action Network in Chicago Hatem Abudayyeh remarked, "The ban also sets its sights on Arabs and Muslims already here in the U.S., criminalizing us as the local face of the 'enemy abroad,' and making us targets of racism and hate."

The revised executive order will be effective on March 16, 2017. The travel ban still impacts individuals from the

predominantly Muslim countries of Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. The ban will not apply to lawful permanent residents (green card holders) and removes the indefinite ban on Syrian refugees. Yet all refugees will be banned for a 120-day period.

We welcome refugees from all countries seeking safety and freedom for themselves and their families in the United States. As Asian Americans, we will not be silent. We must speak out to defend all communities. Today on International Women's Day, join NAKASEC as a Community Fighter at www.nakasec.org/rights.

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