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NQAPIA Hails Federal Appeals Court for Striking Down Trump's Anti-Muslim Travel Ban

NQAPIA's LGBT Amicus Brief Available at: bit.ly/hawaiiivtrump

Today, a federal appeals court on the East Coast upheld a lower court's ruling blocking President Donald Trump's anti-Muslim travel ban. A federal appeals court on the West Coast is considering the same.

A jubilant Glenn D. Magpantay, the Executive Director of the National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance, hailed the decision saying, "Trump's Executive Orders threatens the lives of immigrants and refugees from all walks of life. The anti-Muslim and anti-refugee ban will have a direct impact on the lives of LGBT people and tears families apart"

The ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Forth Circuit upholds a lower court's decision in Virginia to halt core portions of the executive order indefinitely. Last week, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit heard oral arguments appealing a lower court's decision in Seattle that also blocked President Trump's anti-Muslim travel ban which bars people from certain majority Muslim countries coming to the United States and delays all refugee entries.

NQAPIA and the NYC Gay & Lesbian Anti Violence Project and Immigration Equality, with the pro bono assistance of Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP, filed an amicus ("friend of the court") brief illustrating the impact of Trump's Executive Orders on the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. Brief is here: bit.ly/hawaiiivtrump.

NQAPIA received several complaints and provided legal assistance to LGBT Muslim people and allies who were caught up Trump's orders.

More information about the original brief can be found here: <http://www.nqapia.org/wpp/hi-v-trump/>

The National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance (NQAPIA) is a nationwide federation of LGBT Asian American, South Asian, Southeast Asian, and Pacific Islander (AAPI) organizations. We seek to build the organizational capacity of local LGBT AAPI groups, develop leadership, and expand collaborations to better challenges anti-LGBT bias and racism.

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