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## **Quaker Lobby Denounces Supreme Court Ruling on Muslim Ban**

**Washington, DC (June 26, 2018)** – – The Quaker Lobby, the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), strongly criticized the Supreme Court for ruling in support of yet another Muslim travel ban.

The Supreme Court’s decision this morning in *Trump v. Hawaii* upholds the president’s authority to ban travelers from mostly Muslim-majority countries. The Muslim ban remains in effect.

“This ruling does not change the fact that President Trump’s executive order immorally and intentionally targets Muslim citizens, immigrants, and visitors from reuniting with their family members and traveling to the United States,” said Diane Randall, Executive Secretary for FCNL. “Quakers strongly oppose this Muslim ban and all means of religious and racial discrimination. Detention and exclusion of individuals based on religion or country of origin is unjust.”

Since January 2017, the Trump Administration has attempted multiple bans affecting Muslim citizens, refugees, immigrants, and visitors. The faith community has advocated tirelessly against these unjust and discriminatory policies. This most recent ban has been in effect since December 2017.

Similar to Supreme Court decisions such as *Korematsu* and *Dred Scott*, this ruling joins a shameful list of Supreme Court decisions that support injustice.

“Our heart goes out to families and individuals who continue to be affected by this racist Muslim ban,” said Hannah Graf Evans, Legislative Representative for Immigration and Refugee Policy at FCNL. “We continue to stand with them, as we have since the moment this Islamophobic ban first was signed.”

FCNL continues to press Congress to champion immigration reforms that uphold religious freedom, equity, and justice in the face of an administrative branch that seeks to pit communities against each other and undermine our collective security.

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