

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
1236 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
1705 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

March 11, 2021

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Hoyer:

As civil rights and liberties organizations, immigration organizations, human rights organizations, and community-based organizations committed to protecting the rights of Muslim, African, Arab, Iranian, Middle Eastern, and South Asian communities, we write to reiterate our support of the NO BAN Act and the need for this bill to be voted on immediately in its current form. The No Ban Act passed with bipartisan support in the last Congress, and we urge you to move this bill to a floor vote before April 1, 2021, rather than unnecessarily repeat a markup process.

As reintroduced, the NO BAN Act would:

- 1) Require the executive branch to meet a more stringent and reasonable standard before issuing future bans. Under current law, the executive branch claims the authority to bar the entry of large groups of people, including entire nationalities, without effective accountability or regard for the policies codified in other parts of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Rather than continue to use this dangerously overbroad standard, the NO BAN Act would require the executive branch to meet a standard based on "specific and credible facts" that any suspension of or restriction from entry must be connected to "specific acts" that have actually occurred. Furthermore, the bill requires that any such suspension or restriction meet a compelling government interest and that the government use the least restrictive means in doing so.
- 2) Establish a system of checks and balances whereby Congress would be routinely notified and briefed on the status, implementation, and constitutional and legislative authority of executive branch actions.
- 3) Expand the non-discrimination provision of the INA by prohibiting discrimination based on religion.

This bill is a significant step forward for Muslim and African communities and others who could be targeted and discriminated against in the future. Thank you for your leadership on this bill. We strongly urge you to pass the NO BAN Act on the House floor in its current form before April 1, 2021.

Sincerely,  
No Muslim Ban Ever Campaign

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Adelanto Visitation & Advocacy Network  
African American Ministers In Action  
African Communities Together  
African Public Affairs Committee  
America's Voice  
American Civil Liberties Union  
American Federation of Teachers  
American Friends Service Committee  
American Immigration Lawyers Association  
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)  
Amnesty International USA  
Anti-Defamation League  
APIENC (API Equality - Northern California)  
Arab American Association of New York  
Arab American Civic Council  
Armenian Action Network  
Asian American Advocacy Fund  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice -Atlanta  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Chicago  
Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence  
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)  
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action  
Black Alliance for Just Immigration  
Brennan Center for Justice  
Bridges Faith Initiative  
California Immigrant Policy Center  
Center for Popular Democracy  
Central American Center (CARECEN-LA)  
Central American Resource Center of Northern CA (CARECEN SF)  
CHIRLA  
Church World Service  
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Community Change Action  
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces  
Constitutional Accountability Center  
Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)  
Council on American-Islamic Relations, Greater Los Angeles Area (CAIR-LA)  
Council on American-Islamic Relations, CAIR Chicago  
Council on American-Islamic Relations, CAIR Sacramento Valley / Ce  
Council on American-Islamic Relations, CAIR San Francisco Bay Area  
Courage California  
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF)  
Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries

Emgage Action  
Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)  
Equality California  
Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project  
Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM)  
Fellowship Southwest  
Franciscan Action Network  
Freedom Network USA  
Friends Committee on National Legislation  
Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition  
Haitian Bridge Alliance  
Hispanic Federation  
Human Rights Initiative of North Texas  
Immigrant Defenders Law Center  
Immigrant Defense Project  
Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP)  
Immigrant Legal Resource Center  
Immigrant Support Circle, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
Immigration Hub  
Indivisible  
Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice  
Inland Empire Immigrant Youth Collective  
International Refugee Assistance Project  
Japanese American Citizens League  
Jetpac Resource Center  
Justice For Muslims Collective  
L.A. Coalition for Excellent Public Schools  
Leadership Conference of Women Religious  
League of Women Voters of the United States  
Legal Aid at Work  
Legal Aid Justice Center  
Libyan American Alliance  
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service  
MomsRising  
MPower Change  
MSA West  
Multifaith Alliance for Syrian Refugees  
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA)  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Domestic Workers Alliance  
National Immigration Law Center  
National Immigration Project (NIPNLG)  
National Iranian American Council Action  
National Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights  
National Partnership for New Americans  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic social Justice  
New Mexico Immigrant Law Center

New York Immigration Coalition  
North Carolina Asian Americans Together  
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project  
OCA – Asian Pacific American Advocates  
Oxfam America  
Pars Equality Center  
Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition  
People For the American Way  
Public Counsel  
Refugee Congress  
Refugees International  
San Fernando Valley Indivisible  
Secure Justice  
SEIU 121RN  
SEIU CA  
SEIU Local 1021  
SEIU Local 221  
SEIU United Service Workers West  
SEIU-UHW  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
Services, Immigrant Rights & Education Network (SIREN)  
Silver State Equality-Nevada  
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team  
South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)  
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center  
SPLC Action Fund  
TASSC (Torture Abolition & Survivors' Support Coalition) International  
Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition  
The Advocates for Human Rights  
The Children's Partnership  
The Sikh Coalition  
The UndocuBlack Network  
U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants  
Union for Reform Judaism  
Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights  
Venice Resistance  
Volunteers of Legal Service  
We Are All America  
Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center  
Women's March  
Yemeni American Merchants Association  
Young Progressives Demanding Action – Hawai'i