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***STATEMENT ON NEW TRUMP DECISION TO DEPLOY BORTAC
TO SANCTUARY CITIES ACROSS THE NATION,
JEOPARDIZING PUBLIC SAFETY***

(NEW YORK, NY) – Hasan Shafiqullah, Attorney-in-Charge of the Immigration Law Unit at The Legal Aid Society, issued the following statement today responding to the Trump Administration’s decision to deploy special tactical units, known as BORTAC, to sanctuary cities across the nation:

“The Trump Administration’s decision to deploy BORTAC in sanctuary cities across the nation does nothing but jeopardize public safety and further terrorizes immigrant communities. Less than two weeks after ICE agents shot an unarmed young man in the face, this move is appalling. We will fervently defend our clients and all immigrant New Yorkers against this further criminalization of immigrants.”

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