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***Legal Aid Statement on Trump's New Travel Ban***

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society issued the following statement in response to President Trump's reinstated [travel ban](#), which imposes dramatic travel restrictions on nationals from 12 countries — including Afghanistan, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, and Yemen — and enacts partial bans on seven others, such as Cuba, Venezuela, and Laos:

“The Legal Aid Society condemns the new travel ban imposed by President Trump, a cruel and calculated assault on immigrant communities designed to spread fear and division.

“This policy is a transparent attempt to scapegoat immigrants. It will devastate our clients who have followed the rules to reunite with their families, as well as deny refuge to those fleeing persecution and upend the lives of individuals who contribute meaningfully to our society. It undermines fundamental American values of due process, fairness, and inclusion.

“Just as attorneys mobilized during the first travel ban — filing habeas petitions at airports across the country to defend those unlawfully detained — Legal Aid is ready to fight again. We are prepared to meet this moment and defend the rights and dignity of all New Yorkers, regardless of their country of origin.”

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