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**INJUNCTION AGAINST TRAVEL BAN 3.0 STILL IN EFFECT AS
SUPREME COURT DECLARES EARLIER VERSION MOOT**

HONOLULU – Today the United States Supreme Court issued an order with respect to the Trump Administration’s second travel ban. The second travel ban expired late last month and the refugee ban – which was issued as part of it – expired today. In response, the Supreme Court agreed to vacate the lower court orders with respect to the second travel ban.

Attorney General Doug Chin said, “Today’s order with respect to the second travel ban was not a surprise. It has no effect on the nationwide injunction Hawaii has been granted against Travel Ban 3.0. The Supreme Court stated its decision was based on established practice and not the merits of the case. Just this morning the Trump Administration appealed the nationwide injunction against the third travel ban. We stand ready to defend it.”

In March 2017 the Hawaii federal district court entered a nationwide injunction blocking the implementation the second travel ban. The injunction was affirmed by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court subsequently protected people with bona fide connections from the impact of the travel ban as a *partial* travel ban was allowed to go into effect over the summer. With the expiration of the second travel ban in late September, the Trump Administration sought to implement a *third* travel ban, which would have gone into effect on October 18, 2017. Hawaii went back to court to stop the third travel ban and on October 17, 2017 the Hawaii federal district court entered a new nationwide injunction preventing its implementation as well. Today the refugee ban – which was part of Travel Ban 2.0 – also expired. As a result of that expiration, the Supreme Court today granted what is called “vacatur” of the Hawaii federal district court and Ninth Circuit decisions regarding Travel Ban 2.0. As the Supreme Court said in its order, “we express no view on the merits.”

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