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STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL DOUG CHIN REGARDING TODAY'S FOURTH CIRCUIT RULING AGAINST TRUMP TRAVEL BAN

HONOLULU – Today the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a nationwide injunction against President Donald Trump's Revised Executive Order, dated March 6, 2017, banning travel from six Muslim-majority nations.

Attorney General Chin issued the following statement in response:

"Terrorism must be stopped, but not by sacrificing our constitutional principles or denigrating entire classes of people. Not even the President of the United States is above the U.S. Constitution."

Today's Fourth Circuit ruling noted that the text of the revised Executive Order "speaks with vague words of national security, but in context drips with religious intolerance, animus, and discrimination."

On May 15, 2017, the State of Hawaii argued in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in support of Hawaii federal district court Judge Derrick K. Watson's order enjoining President Trump's Executive Order nationwide on grounds that the Executive Order violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. The Ninth Circuit's decision in that case, *Hawaii v. Trump*, is still pending.

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