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**HAWAII CONCLUDES TRAVEL BAN CASE**

HONOLULU – Today, the plaintiffs in *Hawaii v. Trump* voluntarily dismissed their action in federal district court today. This brings Hawaii’s litigation about the travel ban to a close.

Since early 2017, the State of Hawaii has been fighting the Trump administration’s travel bans in the court system. “Although we were disappointed by the United States Supreme Court’s decision upholding President Trump’s third travel ban,” Attorney General Russell Suzuki said, “Hawaii’s fight pushed the administration to walk back its efforts to exclude people from the country. We continue to believe that the third travel ban is unlawful and unconstitutional, and today, we pass the baton to other litigants who have taken up the fight regarding the travel ban’s flawed waiver process.”

Cases regarding the travel ban’s waiver process have recently been filed in the Northern District of California and the Western District of Washington.

“We would like to extend our thanks to Neal Katyal and his team at Hogan Lovells for their extraordinary representation of the plaintiffs in *Hawaii v. Trump*,” Attorney General Suzuki continued. “Neal and his team represented us *pro bono* for the majority of the case, and we are grateful for their work in challenging the President’s unprecedented, unjust, and discriminatory policies.”

A copy of the dismissal is attached.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII

STATE OF HAWAII, ISMAIL ELSHIKH, JOHN  
DOES 1 & 2, and MUSLIM ASSOCIATION OF  
HAWAII, INC.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official capacity as  
President of the United States; U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY;  
KIRSTJEN M. NIELSEN, in her official capacity  
as Secretary of Homeland Security; U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE; MIKE POMPEO, in  
his official capacity as Secretary of State; and the  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF  
VOLUNTARY  
DISMISSAL**

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**NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL**

Pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(i) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiffs State of Hawaii, Ismail Elshikh, John Does 1 & 2, and the Muslim Association of Hawaii hereby give notice that the above-captioned action is dismissed as to all parties and claims. Such dismissal is without prejudice. Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(B).

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Respectfully submitted,

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