



National Task Force to End  
Sexual & Domestic Violence

**Action Alert – please forward widely**

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## **Tell Congress: Rescind the Anti-Muslim and Anti-refugee Executive Orders Now!**

The National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (NTF), comprised of national leadership organizations advocating on behalf of sexual and domestic violence victims and women's rights, opposes President Trump's January Executive Orders relating to immigrants and refugees. These Executive Orders endanger the safety of victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and human trafficking, their families, and communities at large, and further isolate victims and create barriers to established legal protections for victims.

Read NTF's statement on the Executive Orders [here](#).

**Barring refugees and visa holders based on country of origin or religion will leave those fleeing gender-based violence without protection.** The order suspending and limiting refugee admissions blocks countless women and children from obtaining the refuge they need to avoid and escape violence, including trafficking, rape, and other forms of gender-based violence. The order claims that one aim of barring refugees and individuals from majority-Muslim nations is to reduce violence against women. We object to this counterproductive claim, as the order actually harms those that it professes to protect. Further, targeting seven designated Muslim-majority countries by denying entry for individuals from Somalia, Libya, Yemen, Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Sudan not only harms those left stranded outside the U.S., it also sends the message that victims, including U.S. citizens and their children, with backgrounds from Muslim-majority countries do not merit protection from abuse.

The time to mobilize is NOW! Contact your Senators TODAY and DEMAND that they vote for an immediate repeal of the Executive Orders impacting immigrants, refugees, and Muslims.

Please **call** and/or **send a message to your Senators**, urging them to act immediately to repeal the immigration Executive Orders. **Social media posts** are also a great way to make your views known. **Below is a sample script and tweets.** To be connected to your Senators or find your Senators and their contact information, click [here](#). **Be sure to say you are a constituent!** The hashtag for this effort is **#NoMuslimBan** and **#NoBanNoWall**. Find your Senators' Twitter handles [here](#).

**Sample script:**

My name is [insert name] and I'm a constituent of Senator \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling because I'm concerned about President Donald Trump signing an executive order restricting immigration from Muslim majority countries and ending the Syrian refugee resettlement program. This executive order goes against our shared American values of religious tolerance, diversity, and nondiscrimination. Further, this ban will have a devastating impact on survivors of sexual and domestic violence, trafficking, and rape fleeing war-torn countries. I urge Senator \_\_\_\_\_ to act immediately to repeal the immigration Executive Orders.

**Sample Tweets:**

[Senator's Twitter Handle] The Muslim ban is un-American, & will hurt women/children fleeing sexual & domestic violence in war-torn countries #NoMuslimBan

Barring refugees/visa holders based on country of origin/religion will leave those fleeing gender-based violence w/o protection #NoMuslimBan

[Senator's Twitter Handle] Please act immediately to repeal the Muslim Ban, protect survivors fleeing violence #NoMuslimBan

**Further reading:**

**To see your Senator's position on the Muslim Ban:**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hSGjyWJZIQJpGz4V2ftX\\_qioCgBtL59oJkkhx146nFE/htmlview?usp=embed\\_facebook&sle=true](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hSGjyWJZIQJpGz4V2ftX_qioCgBtL59oJkkhx146nFE/htmlview?usp=embed_facebook&sle=true)