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Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc. Praises Latest Court Ruling

On President Trump's Refugee Ban

Arlington, VA- Yesterday, the Hawaii Federal District court ruled on whether or not to let the temporary restraining order, issued earlier this month, expire or to convert it into a preliminary injunction. In response to the court's decision to issue a preliminary injunction, Allene F. Wright, ECDC's Director of Refugee Resettlement, issued the following statement:

“ECDC praises the continued wisdom of the courts regarding key provisions of the revised Executive Order and travel ban. This decision enables resettlement agencies across the country to continue welcoming some of the world's most vulnerable people to safety and freedom. .

“As this issue will continue to make its way through the court system, we urge the administration and our lawmakers not to lose sight of the extraordinary plight of the refugees and communities affected by this ban.”

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ECDC is one of nine voluntary agencies working in partnership with the Department of State and the Office of Refugee Resettlement to provide initial placement and support services to refugees being resettled in the United States. With a special focus on African refugees, ECDC promotes cultural, educational and socio-economic development programs to assist refugees and immigrants in becoming productive members of their new homeland. For more information about ECDC visit <http://www.ecdcus.org/>