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### **ECDC Responds to Supreme Court’s Decision to Hear Travel Ban Case**

**Arlington, VA**—Following the Supreme Court’s decision to hear arguments on President Trump’s travel ban this fall, Dr. Tsehaye Teferra, President of the Ethiopian Community Development Council, released the following statement.

“The Supreme Court’s decision to put limited aspects of the travel ban into effect jeopardizes the lives of countless vulnerable refugees who have already been strenuously vetted by multiple U.S. security agencies. According to the decision, refugees with a ‘bona fide relationship with an entity in the U.S.’ may be exempt. However, barring or pauses in the resettlement program leave refugees, including women and children, in harm’s way.

“ECDC, its network of affiliates, and community partners stand firm in our belief that the continuation of the resettlement program is sound policy. This program has been a benefit to the United States diplomatically and economically. Resettlement is also good national security policy, as we help to share the effects of a global refugee crisis with our partners in affected regions.

“Therefore, we call on the administration to continue the refugee resettlement program during the period of review. Many lives depend on it.”

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*ECDC is one of nine resettlement agencies working in partnership with the Department of State and the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) to provide initial placement and support services to refugees being resettled in the United States. ECDC promotes cultural, educational and socio-economic development programs to assist refugees and immigrants in becoming productive members of their new homeland.*