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IRANIAN-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS WHO FILED FEDERAL LAWSUIT OVER TRUMP TRAVEL BAN HOLD PRESS CALL

Lawyers, Representatives Hold Press Call on Thursday, Feb 9 at 11 a.m. ET

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Representatives from prominent Iranian-American organizations and their counsel will hold a press call on Thursday, February 9 at 11 a.m. ET to discuss their joint action filed in federal court to stop the Trump Administration’s Executive Order banning nationals from Iran and six other predominantly Muslim nations from entering the U.S.

The lawsuit was filed by Iranian-American civil rights lawyer Cyrus Mehri, partner of Washington, DC-based firm Mehri & Skalet, PLLC; the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; and pro bono counsel, Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer on behalf of the Pars Equality Center, the Iranian American Bar Association, the National Iranian American Council, and the Public Affairs Alliance of Iranian Americans.

Speakers on the press call will include:

- Moderator: Cyrus Mehri, Partner, Mehri & Skalet, PLLC
- Kristen Clarke, President and Executive Director, Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- Nazy Fahimi, Senior Legal Director, Pars Equality Center (Pars)
- Leila Mansouri, President, Iranian American Bar Association- DC (IABA)
- Shayan Modarres, Counsel, National Iranian American Council (NIAC)
- Leila Golestaneh Austin, Executive Director of the Public Affairs Alliance of Iranian Americans (PAAIA)
- John Freedman, Partner, Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer

Approximately one million people of Iranian descent live in the United States. The joint action calls President Trump’s Executive Order unlawful and says it discriminates against the Iranian-American community by unfairly and improperly categorizing them as terrorists. According to the [Cato Institute](#), there was not a single case of an American being killed in a terrorist attack in this country by a person born in Iran -- or any of the other six countries specified in the Executive Order.

To join the call, please RSVP to aurora@newheightscommunications.com.

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