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**ATTORNEY GENERAL MADIGAN & 15 OTHER ATTORNEYS GENERAL CONDEMN THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL EXECUTIVE ORDER ON IMMIGRATION, VOW TO UPHOLD CONSTITUTION**

**Chicago** — Attorney General Lisa Madigan joined with 15 other attorneys general today to condemn the unconstitutional Executive Order on immigration.

Madigan and the attorneys general issued the following statement:

*"As the chief legal officers for over 130 million Americans and foreign residents of our states, we condemn President Trump's unconstitutional, unAmerican and unlawful Executive Order and will work together to ensure the federal government obeys the Constitution, respects our history as a nation of immigrants, and does not unlawfully target anyone because of their national origin or faith.*

*Religious liberty has been, and always will be, a bedrock principle of our country and no president can change that truth.*

*Yesterday, multiple federal courts ordered a stay of the Administration's dangerous Executive Order. We applaud those decisions and will use all of the tools of our offices to fight this unconstitutional order and preserve our nation's national security and core values.*

*We are confident that the Executive Order will ultimately be struck down by the courts. In the meantime, we are committed to working to ensure that as few people as possible suffer from the chaotic situation that it has created."*

Joining Madigan in issuing the statement were attorneys general from: California, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia and Washington.

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