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MADIGAN, ATTORNEYS GENERAL FILE NEW SCOTUS BRIEF IN TRAVEL BAN CASE***Madigan & Attorneys General File Amicus Brief Opposing the Ban, Citing Harm to States' Residents, Institutions & Economies***

Chicago – Attorney General Lisa Madigan today joined with 17 other attorneys general to announce they have filed a new amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court opposing the federal administration's travel ban.

The brief was filed in two related cases, *Trump v. IRAP* (No. 16-1436) and *Trump v. Hawaii* (No. 16-1540), ahead of arguments scheduled for Oct. 10. In both cases, the district courts entered nationwide preliminary injunctions prohibiting, among other things, enforcement of the administration's 90-day ban on the entry to the U.S. of nationals from six overwhelmingly Muslim countries, the suspension of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, and the reduction of the Program's refugee cap. Both the Fourth Circuit and the Ninth Circuit Appellate Courts affirmed the injunctions.

"I am committed to protecting all Illinois residents, our educational institutions and employers from the harm caused by the travel ban," Madigan said.

The brief reads:

"Amici have a strong interest in respondents' challenges to the Order, and to its travel ban in particular, which has already caused – and absent the continuation of the injunctions, will continue to cause – substantial harm to our universities, hospitals, businesses, communities, and residents.

"While the amici States differ in many ways, all welcome and benefit from immigration, tourism, and international travel by students, academics, skilled professionals, and businesspeople. Notwithstanding the injunctions now in place, the travel ban has inflicted economic damage on the States themselves through lost tuition and increased administrative costs at the States' public universities and colleges, as well as diminished tax revenues. The ban has also disrupted the provision of medical care at the States' hospitals and harmed our science, technology, health care, finance, and tourism industries by inhibiting the free exchange of information, ideas, and talent between the six designated countries and the amici States. In addition, the ban has hindered the States from effectuating our own constitutional and statutory policies of religious tolerance and nondiscrimination."

Attorney General Madigan has condemned the federal immigration executive orders and has previously filed 12 amicus briefs in five separate lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the travel ban executive orders.

Joining Madigan in filing today's brief are the attorneys general from: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and the District of Columbia.

A copy of the brief can be found [here](#).

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