

United States Senate

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)

"With the stroke of his pen, President Trump's travel ban will make ISIS stronger, weaken America's counterterrorism efforts and cost lives." – [January 31, 2017](#)

U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)

"The ruling to overturn President Trump's travel ban Executive Order] is a victory for the millions of us in Washington state and across the country who have stood up and made it clear that this ban is hateful, unconstitutional, and in no way reflects our nation's values. I am so proud that Washington state has taken the lead in fighting back against President Trump's ban on Muslim immigrants and refugees, and I want to thank Solicitor General Purcell, Attorney General Ferguson, and Governor Inslee for their work representing our families and communities and fighting on our behalf." – [February 9, 2017](#)

U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)

"This executive order is un-American and grossly inhumane. We are a nation of immigrants and should remain welcoming to all nations and faiths, particularly those who are fleeing violence and oppression. Refugees, from Syria in particular, are fleeing unspeakable terror and hunger, and it's unconscionable that the United States will no longer provide any of these refugees a safe haven.

"This order also endangers our troops and diplomats. Discriminating based on religion and nationality severely undermines the local alliances and trust established by our troops and diplomats in the field. This order is so ill-considered that it is even barring Iraqi civilians who have provided essential assistance to the U.S. mission. We owe a tremendous debt to the brave Iraqis who have stood shoulder-to-shoulder with Americans in the field, putting themselves and their families at risk to help our soldiers and diplomats accomplish their mission and return home safely. To abandon them now would be a stain on our national honor." – [January 28, 2017](#)

U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH)

"President Trump's executive action imposing a religious test on entry into the United States runs counter to the fundamental values that make America the greatest country on earth. It will also make us less safe. We must always be working to strengthen the vetting process for all entryways into the United States, but discriminating against individuals on the basis of their religion will only harm our national security interests."

"It is also disgraceful that these executive actions would turn away the brave men and women who have risked their lives to serve as interpreters for our military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is both our moral obligation and a national security imperative to assist those who have helped us, and I will support efforts by Senators Shaheen and McCain to authorize visas for these interpreters."- [January 30, 2017](#)

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)

"Our country faces real and serious threats from terrorism. Not only does the President's Executive Order do nothing to address these threats and keep us safer, it is ruining America's reputation in the world, undermining our relationships with our most critical allies, and most heart-breaking, destroying the lives of good and law-abiding people. In Michigan, those being hurt are our friends, our teachers, our family members, our coworkers, our doctors and our neighbors. You can feel the devastating impact across Michigan - in our homes, businesses and universities. This is a sad time for our country and I stand with Muslim Americans and so many other Michigan citizens against this failed Executive Order and unconscionable bigotry." – [January 29, 2017](#)

U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)

"The America that I know is not a nation that turns its back on children and families fleeing barbarism or terror; that is an action of a scared nation—of a weak nation—and it does not make us safer, though it does place our troops serving abroad at greater risk," said Duckworth. "Our nation is at its best when we lead from a position of strength, not weakness, as organizations like the Refugee Council know well. While this weekend's court ruling that temporarily blocked implementation of the President's ill-conceived and misguided travel ban is a good signal, we must remember that this fight is not over. I will continue working every day to end this ban for good." – [February 7, 2017](#)

"[President Trump's Executive Order] will weaken our national security & tell a generation simply seeking safety that America is at war with them." – [January 28, 2017](#)

U.S. House of Representatives

Representative Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-01)

"Trump has betrayed American values by denying safe haven to Muslim refugees who are fleeing violence and war. This country was founded on the principles of religious liberty and freedom from religious persecution." – [January 27, 2017](#)

Representative Cheri Bustos (D-IL-17)

"Once again, President Donald Trump's impulsive behavior has put lives at risk – this time it is innocent victims fleeing ISIS terrorists and Iraqis who stood with our military who will pay the price for President Trump's actions. Donald Trump's hastily drafted executive order diminishes America's superpower role as a global example for democracy while undermining our national security by breaking the trust between American troops in the field and the foreign fighters they count on every single day. There is no question that we must have secure borders and comprehensive vetting procedures for new immigrants, but Donald Trump's action slams the door on women and children fleeing from the horror of ISIS terrorists and Russian bombing raids. I strongly urge President Trump to rescind this un-American and dangerous executive order before serious damage is done." – [January 28, 2017](#)

Representative Judy Chu (D-CA-27)

"Trump's Muslim ban hurts refugees, families, those who helped our troops & harms our [national] security. We're calling for a vote to rescind it!" – [January 31, 2017](#)

Representative Katherine Clark (D-MA-05)

"Turning our back to unprecedented humanitarian crises is not an act of strength; it exposes a lack of moral leadership." – [January 25, 2017](#)

Representative Yvette D. Clarke (D-NY-09)

"We cannot as a nation allow xenophobia to undermine our principles or racism to determine our policies. There are more than three million Muslim Americans living here today. These are the same individuals who have volunteered for service in the Armed Forces. These same individuals are our neighbors and friends. I will never accept this attack on Muslim families as the policy of the United States. I will resist, and I call on my colleagues in Congress and people of good faith across the United States to join me in resistance to this act of hate." – [January 27, 2017](#)

Representative Susan A. Davis (D-CA-53)

"Our values, our democracy, and our security won the day with the judge's decision to put a nationwide hold on the President's ban on refugees and Muslims. This executive order runs contrary to our security, undermines our fight against terror, and provides our enemies with a recruitment tool...I once again call on this President to rescind his immoral and unconstitutional executive order and urge him to work within the law and the Constitution. As long as this order remains in effect, I will continue to pursue efforts in Congress to repeal it." - [February 4, 2017](#)

Representative Diana DeGette (D-CO-01)

"[President Trump's] refugee ban is discriminatory, hurts asylum seekers worldwide & thwarts our progress countering violent extremism. It's just wrong." - [January 27, 2017](#)

Representative Pramila Jayapal (D-WA-07)

"It's absolutely abhorrent that President Trump has decided to restrict refugees from entering the United States. This executive order does nothing to protect our country and only fuels the fire of Islamophobia. It condones violence and fear, and undermines our values and our history as a nation.

"Refugees are the victims of terror, not the causes of it. It flies in the face of our American ideals to restrict refugees, including millions of women and children, who are fleeing war ravaged countries in search of a new home. At a time when there are historic numbers of refugees in need of resettlement, the United States should be stepping up as a global leader. It is our responsibility to show leadership on refugee resettlement, not to play politics with people's lives.

"To restrict people from specific Muslim majority countries is morally reprehensible, and puts Muslim Americans here in America who seek to reunite with their families into chaos and fear. The introduction of a religious test for refugees is unprecedented in our history and contrary to the founding ideals of our country. Equally important, this action is counter-productive to our national security. We need to develop relationships with Muslim countries and all people who seek to eradicate terrorism. This simply alienates the very groups we need to have working alongside us.

"I want to send a clear message to President Trump: We will not bend to your will. We will not let you take us backwards. We will not let you break our commitment to the world's most vulnerable. America is so much better than this and we refuse to be on the wrong side of history." - [January 27, 2017](#)

Representative Marcy Kaptur (D-OH-09)

"I support robust efforts to make America safe and secure. A workable solution should ensure America's safety without destroying our heritage as an immigrant nation, dedicated to liberty and justice for all.

"President Trump's mandate will make America less safe. It penalizes worthy individuals and actually gives terrorist cells ammunition to use against America. This mandate puts people at risk who have helped America in our battle against terrorism, at home and abroad. It punishes innocent individuals caught in the crossfire of fleeing terror and tribal conflict.

"Dangerously, this misconceived Executive Order will spur anti-American sentiment globally and on the internet, spurring more terrorism, potentially aggravating religious conflict half way around the world. Reckless rhetoric puts our nation at greater risk at home and puts Americans traveling abroad in danger...A well-crafted policy should enshrine liberty for all law-abiding persons while avoiding unintended consequences that can be used by our enemies to enflame terrorism." - [January 29, 2017](#)

Representative Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH-02)

“Not as Republicans or Democrats, but as Americans, we can balance security & compassion. USA founded on freedom from religious persecution.” – [January 30, 2017](#)

Representative Brenda Lawrence (D-MI-14)

“The United States of America is a country of immigrants. Our diversity is one of our country’s greatest strengths. We have a tradition of being a safe haven for those fleeing countries that do not have the same liberties and freedoms that we enjoy in the U.S.A. Mr. Trump’s executive order to halt visas from Muslim-majority countries and ban entrance of refugees does not represent the land of the free and home of the brave...We must prioritize the safety and security of our nation, and I support a strong vetting system. We need to continue to ensure that refugees who enter our country will be contributing members of society. However, I do not, and we cannot support stereotyping and discrimination based on religion. The current process for entrance of refugees and asylum seekers is not a wide open door. The vetting process is extensive and we cannot allow fear or falsehoods to get in the way of facts. Terrorists are extremists, and not a religion. America is great because we are inclusive and not exclusive. We must come together and oppose these kinds of acts to divide, wherever they come from.” – [January 27, 2017](#)

Representative Barbara Lee (D-CA-13)

“Tonight, on the steps of the Supreme Court, I joined Democrats from the House and the Senate in demanding an immediate reversal of President Trump’s Islamophobic and xenophobic executive orders. These callous orders fly in the face of our basic values and present a direct threat to our national security.

“As a nation of immigrants, we are morally compelled to keep our doors open to those in need – that’s who we are. I stand with people of conscience across the country in forcefully rejecting these un-American policies. We are better than this.” – [January 30, 2017](#)

Representative Nita M. Lowey (D-NY-17)

“President Trump’s most recent outrageous executive orders are not just reckless, they are dangerous...The President should execute thoughtful policies that keep us safer, not ones that serve simply as costly ideological attacks on the most vulnerable. These directives are counter to who we are as New Yorkers and as Americans. As Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Committee, I will continue fighting to keep New Yorkers safe, both from terrorism and from attacks on our fundamental values.” – [January 26, 2017](#)

Representative Gwen Moore (D-WI-4)

“Like most of my constituents, I found President Donald Trump’s xenophobic executive orders targeting refugees, immigrants, and their families to be repulsive and in direct contradiction to the values that define our nation. Such abominable efforts have nothing to do with national security and everything to do with satisfying campaign promises to the alt-right movement. These anti-American actions have no place in our culture and are indicative of the overwhelming influence of nationalism that continues to permeate this administration and its policies...As Americans exercise their constitutional right to protest President Trump’s executive orders, I’ll be in Washington with my House and Senate colleagues, working on policy solutions to address these concerns and protect our democracy from this administration’s draconian efforts. Together, we will show President Trump and his supporters that America doesn’t have to sacrifice our compassion and conscience for our security.” – [January 30, 2017](#)

Representative Stephanie Murphy (D-FL-07)

"I strongly oppose [President Trump's] exec orders on refugees, which violate fundamental American values & undermine our national security. [#FL07](#)" - [January 28, 2017](#)

Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-CA-12)

"The nationwide hold on the President's ban order is a victory for our values, our security and our Constitution. No matter how many times the President attacks this judge, who was appointed by President George W. Bush, it won't change the fact that this ban is unconstitutional, immoral and dangerous."

"The President claims his ban is for security. But national security experts are urgently raising the alarm that the President's cruel and reckless ban makes America less safe, not more. More than 1,000 American diplomats have risked their careers to send the message that the President's ban weakens our fight against terror and hands our enemies a powerful new recruiting tool." - [February 5, 2017](#)

Representative Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE-At Large)

"[President Trump's] executive order goes against our values and greatly threatens our national security. [#NoMuslimBan](#)" - [January 28, 2017](#)

Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA-40)

"President Trump's executive order does not make us safer and abandons this nation's commitment to refugees. The order's masking of religious discrimination against refugees, legal permanent residents, and visa-holders in the name of national security is reprehensible and illegal."

"It puts in place policies with astounding and inexcusable religious discrimination at levels not seen since World War II. "While I am pleased that federal courts have temporarily blocked removals, the courts and Congress must act quickly to prevent the long-term damage to our country that this administration's policies will bring about, and to demonstrate to our Muslim brothers and sisters that we will not tolerate discrimination against them."

"I will do everything in my power to ensure that all those who have already been properly vetted will have legal access to the United States, and I will continue to speak out against all unconstitutional policies of President Trump." - [January 29, 2017](#)

Representative Linda T. Sanchez (D-CA-38)

"We are better than this. Banning Muslim immigrants and refugees does not make our country safer. In fact, it does the exact opposite by playing into the hands of America's enemies.

"I am proud to stand with House Democrats to introduce legislation which will overturn the President's unconstitutional Muslim ban. Now we need courageous Republicans to stand up and speak out against these hateful anti-refugee, anti-immigrant executive orders. I implore my Republican colleagues to join with Democrats and wipe away this shameful stain on our country. Now is not the time to stay silent and hope for the best. If we fail to change course, history will not be kind to those who stood by and did nothing." - [January 30, 2017](#)

Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL-07)

“The President’s most recent executive order halting the Syrian Refugee Program and barring entry into the U.S. based on religion is unconscionable, if not unconstitutional, and is inconsistent with our American values. This ill-conceived executive order does little to protect us from terrorism, but it does institutionalize a prejudice against Muslims by giving preference to minority Christians in Muslim countries and forbidding majority Muslim populations from entering into the United States on the basis of nothing more than the religion that they practice. Likewise, by banning the entry of all refugees, the Trump Administration dishonors the commitment we made to countless women and children from Syria that have successfully complied with our strict vetting process and now seek only refuge from the carnage of their own war-torn country...I call on the President to immediately rescind this executive order and to work with Congress and our National Security professionals to find workable solutions to defeat terrorism while protecting religious freedoms. We are a nation of laws and of immigrants. The actions of the Trump Administration should reflect these American values.” – [January 29, 2017](#)

Representative Louis Slaughter (D-NY-25)

“The president’s executive order is unconstitutional, immoral, and makes our country less safe. I have heard from hundreds of constituents over the last few days who are strongly opposed to this harmful order. I will not allow our refugee admission program to be decimated and refuse to sit quietly as the president implements a de facto Muslim ban. This is not who we are, and I will continue using all possible means to prevent this executive order from being implemented...The president’s Executive Order is bad policy and it makes our country less safe. A bipartisan group of national security experts, led by Secretaries Madeleine Albright and Henry Kissinger [explained](#), “Categorically refusing to take [refugees] only feeds the narrative of ISIS that there is a war between Islam and the West, that Muslims are not welcome in the United States and Europe, and that the ISIS caliphate is their true home. We must make clear that the United States rejects this worldview by continuing to offer refuge to the world’s most vulnerable people, regardless of their religion or nationality.” – [January 30, 2017](#)

Representative Jackie Speier (D-CA-14)

“America is built on immigrants – I am the daughter of one myself. President Trump’s actions barring refugees, splitting up families, and destroying lives are unconstitutional, un-American, and reprehensible. I am ashamed at what he has done to our country and to all those individuals and families that have been impacted by this hateful policy. Let me be clear, we already have the most extensive and stringent vetting process for refugees in the world, which takes 18 to 24 months to complete and which this ban threatens to undermine. Among the many men, women, and children detained over the weekend are patriots serving our military as translators and aides. It is outrageous that some of them remain detained or were forced to return to their country of origin. This dangerous action threatens the safety of our military service members, diplomats, and tourists abroad. The President is fueling hatred and animosity at home and overseas.” – [January 30, 2017](#)

Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA-43)

“The Administration’s ban on refugees is especially deplorable. It targets women, men, and children who are fleeing brutal repression in countries like Syria and who were hoping to find freedom in the United States of America.”

“Contrary to what the Administration would have the American public believe, the Administration’s immigration ban is not even an effective way to combat or prevent domestic terror attacks....However, instead of making our nation a safer place for all Americans, the order will make us less safe by providing ISIS and other terrorist groups’ propaganda that they can use to recruit new fighters and encourage attacks.”

“Not only is the Administration’s immigration ban immoral and likely unconstitutional, it goes against everything for which the United States stands, as a nation of immigrants and a beacon of hope for people around the world.” – [January 31, 2017](#)