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**Sister Simone Campbell Responds Supreme Court Decision on the Muslim Travel Ban**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In response to this morning’s Supreme Court decision on the Muslim travel ban, **Sister Simone Campbell, SSS, Executive Director of NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice** issued the following statement:

“My heart is broken, and I am outraged by today’s Supreme Court decision upholding President Trump’s callous policy against our Muslim community.

“This decision exists in sharp juxtaposition to the recent ruling on Masterpiece Cakeshop. When local officials made comments about conservative religious beliefs, they were called biased and it was deemed unconstitutional. In contrast, President Trump has made disparaging remarks about the Muslim community and his administration has enacted discriminatory policy based specifically on religious affiliation. Yet, the Supreme Court failed to find discrimination and the policy was deemed constitutional. This is wrong.

“With today’s decision, the Supreme Court is endorsing President Trump’s dangerous religious bigotry. These attacks on the Muslim faith go against our nation’s founding principles of religious freedom. This is yet another illustration of marginalization in our nation’s history, and we must change our course.

“As people of faith, the Catholic Sisters and activists of NETWORK Lobby will act in solidarity with our Muslim sisters and brothers. We will resist.”

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*NETWORK, a national Catholic Social Justice lobby, which educates, organizes, and lobbies for economic and social transformation, has a more than 40-year track record of lobbying for critical federal programs that support those at the margins and prioritize the common good.*