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Greetings –

This week offered much disconcerting news from the Supreme Court of the United States with the upholding of the Trump Administration’s travel ban and the ruling in favor of Janus vs. AFCSME, which will have an enormous negative impact on collective bargaining rights for public sector workers.

On the Travel Ban Decision:

The Supreme Court Decision in Trump v. Hawaii is highly upsetting because the majority decision affirms the Trump Administration’s Travel Ban (AKA The Muslim Ban). The Supreme Court allowed the Executive Branch to hide behind nonexistent claims of national security and a highly expansive view of Executive Power in order to find this repugnant policy Constitutional.

The Executive Branch’s claim of national security concerns are a canard since existing law requires multiple levels of vetting for individuals from the subject countries to obtain travel visas. Furthermore, the court’s expansive view of Executive Power in relation to immigration, in light of that branch’s discriminatory statements and de facto discriminatory effect, is counter to our core founding principles of religious freedom. Trump’s Executive Order makes us no safer and tears down the fundamental tenants of our nation’s founding: Religious Liberty and Pluralism.

As an elected official who represents a district with constituents from all over the world, I know how important it is for us to raise our voices to oppose this anti-American policy. I was proud to join many immigrant activist groups and some colleagues in government in Foley Square after the ruling came down this week and I will continue to stand in solidarity with our immigrant communities and say that #IstandwithMuslims.



On the Janus Ruling:

This week's Supreme Court ruling in *Janus v. AFSCME* is another blow to working people across our country. Paying your fair share for collective bargaining services is not a violation of an individual's 1st Amendment Rights. Public Sector Unions and the bargaining they do for workers has value and all who benefit from that value should pay their fair share. The Supreme Court has put its thumb on the scale for big business and corporate interests - in direct opposition to the vast majority of working people around the country. My mother, both Grandfathers, and countless other relatives and friends have had their quality of life and work place benefit from public sector unions. All this decision does is make all of our work places a little less equitable and I am proud to stand side by side with the labor movement in opposition to this decision.

The State Senate Must Pass Speed Camera Legislation:

This week I joined with the Speaker of the Assembly, Mayor, Comptroller and my other colleagues in government demanding that the State Senate return to Albany to pass the Assembly's Speed Camera Bill.



This bill makes our streets safer - this should not be a partisan issue and the Senate republicans must pass the speed camera bill. If the State Senate doesn't pass our bill the speed camera program will expire on July 25th and lives will be lost.

Press Conference in Support of Funding the MTA:

Yesterday I joined with Riders Alliance, Tri-State Transportation Campaign, and legislative colleagues, Jo Anne Simon and Brian Kavanaugh to call for more funding for the MTA.



Congestion Pricing is the progressive plan to fund the MTA. If we want our subways to stop deteriorating, we need to direct \$1.5B per year towards capital improvements and the way to do that is to implement a comprehensive congestion pricing plan. No other plan raises the needed amount of revenue, nor does any other plan improve our air quality and environment.

Families Belong Together Rally & March:

Tomorrow, June 30th, I will be joining the **"Families Belong Together"** rally in Foley Square to stand in opposition to the Trump administration's family separation policy. New Yorkers will join together with dozens of other cities in a National Day of Action to Fight for Families to demand that Donald Trump and his administration stop separating kids from their parents! Families belong together, and we need to end this — NOW! To join the NYC organizing efforts for this action, please contact Carlene Pinto at cpinto@nyic.org. [Click here for more details on the event.](#)

If you are looking to support organizations fighting the rights of immigrants, please check out the following:

RAICES

<https://www.raicestexas.org/>

Texas Civil Rights Project
<https://texascivilrightsproject.org/>

The Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project
<https://firrp.org/getinvolved/volunteer/>

CARA Pro Bono Project
<http://caraprobono.org/>

Have a wonderful Fourth of July Holiday Week,

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