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Statement on Supreme Court Decision *DHS v. Thuraissigiam*

The Supreme Court decision in the case of *Department of Homeland Security v. Thuraissigiam* is a step in the wrong direction for people fleeing from persecution and fear. The case held that asylum seekers will no longer have the right to pursue federal court review through the writ of habeas corpus. This decision will result in expedited removal for asylum seekers and contribute to putting people in harm's way, including persecution and death. The ruling is contrary to our values as Americans willing to help others in dire need, and our basic principles of fairness and due process.

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