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## TAHIRIH STATEMENT ON PROPOSED FEES FOR IMMIGRATION COURT FILINGS

Today, the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) announced <u>proposed regulations</u> to exponentially raise fees for immigration court filings, including a new \$50 fee for asylum applications. If finalized, the regulations would also increase fees for case appeals in immigration court by more than eight times the original cost. The proposed fees create additional, undue barriers for immigrant survivors fleeing gender-based violence.

"The Tahirih Justice Center is strongly opposed to the administration's proposed fees, which arbitrarily punish indigent immigrant survivors seeking safety," said Irena Sullivan, Tahirih Senior Immigration Policy Counsel. "The proposed rule will largely render survivors, particularly those without counsel, unable to file appeals when relief is unjustly denied. Ultimately, this erodes access to justice, prolongs survivors' trauma, and deprives communities of their valuable contributions."

Tahirih will file comments opposing these proposed regulations and will continue to challenge policies that unnecessarily and cruelly harm survivors of violence who need protection.

Irena Sullivan is available for comment on this topic. Please contact rachelp@tahirih.org to arrange an interview.

## About the Tahirih Justice Center

The <u>Tahirih Justice Center</u> is a national, nonprofit organization that serves immigrant women and girls seeking safety and justice. We amplify the voices of survivors in communities, courts, and Congress to create a world where women and girls enjoy equality and live in safety and with dignity.