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Nonprofit and Legal Experts to Share their Dismay Over and Perspectives on Supreme Court's Decision in *Holder v. Humanitarian Law Project*

Conference call at 2pm today open to all media

Washington, DC – June 21, 2010

Today, the Supreme Court ruled in the case, *Holder v. Humanitarian Law Project* (HLP). The Court found that several provisions of the laws barring "material support" of terrorism did not violate the constitution. The case marks the first challenge to provisions of the Patriot Act to reach the Supreme Court level. The plaintiffs and many other non-profits and legal experts have argued that the laws prohibiting "material support" to listed terrorist organizations are overbroad, and effectively criminalize peacebuilding programs of U.S. organizations in conflict zones around the world.

Call in to hear nonprofit and legal experts' reaction to the decision and what happens next. A question and answer period will be held.

Date: Monday, June 21, 2010 2:00-3:00pm

Dedicated dial-in number: 512-597-6393 with access code: 769093#

Experts Available for Questions:

Ahilan Arulanantham, Director of Immigrants' Rights and National Security at the ACLU of Southern California

He has successfully represented a U.S. citizen wrongfully detained as an enemy combatant in Iraq, and won victories to alter the laws governing prolonged detention in the immigration context.

Sharon Bradford Franklin, Senior Counsel at the Constitution Project

A prominent civil liberties attorney working on national security issues with the Constitution Project's bi-partisan Liberty and Security Committee. Sharon had previously spent seven years as a civil rights lawyer at the U.S. Department of Justice and is co-counsel on the amicus brief filed in *Holder v. Humanitarian Law Project* by the Constitution Project and The Rutherford Institute.

Kay Guinane, Program Manager of the Charity and Security Network

Her work to bring down barriers to the legitimate work of nonprofits from ill-advised national security measures includes research, advocacy, speaking and consulting around the world.

A statement from Prof. Steven Vladeck of the Washington College of Law at American University will be read. Prof. Vladeck is out of the country but will be available to answer questions by email at svladeck@wcl.american.edu.

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