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Racial Profiling of Minorities by Law Enforcement Since 9/11 Is Pervasive Throughout the U.S., Reveal a New Report and Documentary

(New York, NY – September 28, 2010) A new report released today proves the myriad of laws dealing with racial profiling has made it too burdensome for victims to seek justice and provides concrete recommendations for local, state, and federal governments to combat racial profiling in all of its forms. **The Rights Working Group (RWG)**, a coalition of 275 organizations across the country, released [*The Faces of Racial Profiling: A Report From Communities Across America*](#) during **Face the Truth Week of Actions** (Sept. 26 – Oct. 2), the one-year anniversary of the launch of the *Face the Truth* campaign to end racial profiling.

“Rights Working Group and our local partners convened six hearings across the country to hear directly from those communities who have been targeted by racial profiling,” says **Margaret Huang**, RWG Executive Director. “The picture that emerges clearly shows the devastating impact that this failed law enforcement practice has had on individuals, families, and entire communities.”

To complement the 88-page report, international human rights organization **Breakthrough’s Restore Fairness** campaign has produced a ten-minute, short documentary, [*Face The Truth: Racial Profiling Across America*](#), which gives voice to some of the individuals affected by racial profiling, like Kurdish American **Karwan Abdul Kader** who was stopped and stripped by local law enforcement and **Juana Villegas**, a Latino woman who was taken into custody while nine months pregnant. The documentary also contains interviews with notable law enforcement and civil society leaders from the Denver Police Department, the NAACP, and the Asian American Justice Center.

“Racial, religious, and ethnic profiling has only gotten worse since 9/11,” says **Mallika Dutt**, President and CEO of Breakthrough. “Not only is the practice humiliating and degrading for the people subjected to it, it is unconstitutional and violates fundamental human rights. We encourage people to watch the documentary and take action to stop racial profiling in their communities.”

The *Face the Truth* campaign urges Congress to pass the **End Racial Profiling Act** (ERPA). Log on to www.restorefairness.org or www.rightsworkinggroup.org.

About Rights Working Group: In the aftermath of 9/11, the Rights Working Group (RWG) strives to restore the American commitment to protect civil liberties and human rights for all people in the U.S. RWG has grown a strong coalition of 275 civil liberties, human rights and civil rights, national security, and immigrant rights organizations to work hand in hand to restore due process.

About Breakthrough: Breakthrough is a global, human rights organization that uses the power of media, pop culture, and community mobilization to inspire people to take bold action for dignity, equality, and justice. Based in India and the United States, Breakthrough addresses critical global issues including violence against women, sexuality and HIV/AIDS, and immigrant rights and racial justice.