

October 17, 2017

President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
United States of America

Dear President Trump:

The September 24, 2017, White House proclamation on visas and immigration has serious implications for diplomatic, humanitarian, and national security interests, in part because it weakens our U.S. science and engineering capacity.

The undersigned organizations—representing a broad spectrum of professional scientific, engineering education societies, national associations, and universities—remain concerned that this proclamation, following on the March 6 and January 27 Executive Orders, will reduce U.S. science and engineering output to the detriment of our nation.

We continue to assert that scientific progress depends on openness, transparency, and the free flow of ideas; these principles have helped the United States to attract and richly benefit from international scientific talent. To remain the world leader in advancing scientific knowledge and innovation, the U.S. science and technology enterprise must continue to capitalize on the international and multicultural environment within which it operates.

The White House statements and associated policies are discouraging many of the best and brightest international students, scholars, and scientists from choosing the United States as the ideal nation for studying and working, attending academic and scientific conferences, and seeking to build new businesses. In fact, we are now seeing visas being denied to scientists wishing to speak at scientific conferences in the United States.

There is growing concern among international students from many nations—including those that are not named in the administration's current restrictions—that recent U.S. policy could be expanded further to include other nations. International students no longer view the United States as a welcoming country.

We stand ready to assist you in crafting immigration and visa policy that advances U.S. prosperity and ensures strong borders, while staying true to our foundational American principles as a nation of immigrants.

Sincerely,

Acoustical Society of America  
Alabama Academy of Science  
American Academy of Forensic Sciences  
American Anthropological Association  
American Association for Dental Research  
American Association for the Advancement of Science

American Association of Anatomists  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association of Physics Teachers  
American Astronomical Society  
American Chemical Society  
American Dental Education Association  
American Educational Research Association  
American Ethnological Society  
American Geophysical Union  
American Institute of Chemical Engineers  
American Mathematical Society  
American Meteorological Society  
American Philosophical Association  
American Physical Society  
American Physiological Society  
American Phytopathological Society  
American Political Science Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Society for Cell Biology  
American Society for Engineering Education  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Nutrition  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
American Sociological Association  
American Statistical Association  
ASHRAE  
Association for Psychological Science  
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)  
Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography  
Coalition for the Life Sciences  
Conference Board of the Mathematical Sciences  
Consortium for Ocean Leadership  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
Ecological Society of America  
Endocrine Society  
Entomological Society of America  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology  
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences  
Florida Academy of Sciences, Inc.  
Foundation for Science and Disability  
Geological Society of America  
Georgetown University  
Graduate Women in Science  
Institute of Food Technologists  
Institute of Mathematical Statistics  
International Association for Dental Research  
Kentucky Academy of Science  
Linguistic Society of America

Mathematical Association of America  
National Communication Association  
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics  
National Organization of Gay & Lesbian Scientists & Technical Professionals  
(NOGLSTP)  
National Science Teachers Association  
Oklahoma Academy of Science  
OSA- The Optical Society  
Paleontological Society  
Psychonomic Society  
Seismological Society of America  
Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society  
Society For Biomaterials  
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics  
Society for Neuroscience  
Society for Psychophysiological Research  
Society for the Study of Evolution  
Society of Toxicology  
The Oceanography Society

