

January 31, 2017

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

Dear President Trump:

The January 27, 2017, White House Executive Order on visas and immigration has profound implications for diplomatic, humanitarian, and national security interests, in part because of the negative impact on U.S. science and engineering capacity.

The 164 undersigned organizations – representing a broad spectrum of professional scientific, engineering and education societies, national associations, and universities – are deeply concerned that this Executive Order will have a negative impact on the ability of scientists and engineers in industry and academia to enter, or leave from and return to, the United States. This will reduce U.S. science and engineering output to the detriment of America and Americans.

Scientific progress depends on openness, transparency, and the free flow of ideas and people, and these principles have helped the United States attract and richly benefit from international scientific talent. From the Apollo Program and exploring the far reaches of the universe, to advancing biomedical research for curing diseases and harnessing science to build a thriving high-tech sector, the United States is considered a leader in science, education and innovation. In order to remain the world leader in advancing scientific knowledge and innovations, the U.S. science and technology enterprise must continue to capitalize on the international and multi-cultural environment within which it operates.

The Executive Order will discourage many of the best and brightest international students, scholars, engineers and scientists from studying and working, attending academic and scientific conferences, or seeking to build new businesses in the United States. Implementation of this policy will compromise the United States' ability to attract international scientific talent and maintain scientific and economic leadership.

Today, we urge the Administration to rescind the Executive Order and we stand ready to assist you in crafting an immigration and visa policy that advances U.S. prosperity and ensures strong borders while staying true to foundational American principles as a nation of immigrants.

Sincerely,

American Association for the Advancement of Science  
AACC International  
Academy for Eating Disorders  
Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research

Acoustical Society of America  
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
American Academy of Forensic Sciences  
American Anthropological Association  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association for Dental Research  
American Association of Geographers  
American Association of Immunologists  
American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists  
American Association of Physicists in Medicine  
American Association of Physics Teachers  
American Association for Public Opinion Research  
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases  
American Astronomical Society  
American Brain Coalition  
American Chemical Society  
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology  
American Dental Education Association  
American Educational Research Association  
American Geophysical Union  
American Geosciences Institute  
American Institute of Biological Sciences  
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics  
American Institute of Chemical Engineers  
American Institute of Physics  
American Mathematical Society  
American Meteorological Society  
American Ornithological Society  
American Physical Society  
American Physiological Society  
American Phytopathological Society  
American Political Science Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers  
American Society of Agronomy  
American Society of Animal Science  
American Society of Association Executives  
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
American Society for Cell Biology  
American Society for Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics  
American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology  
American Society for Horticultural Science  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society of Naturalists  
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics

American Society of Plant Biologists  
American Society of Plant Taxonomists  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
American Sociological Association  
American Statistical Association  
Archeological Institute of America  
Associated Universities, Inc.  
Association for Behavior Analysis International  
Association of Research Libraries  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Universities  
Association of Independent Research Institutes  
Association for Psychological Science  
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology  
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry  
Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography  
Association of Southeastern Biologists  
Association for Women in Mathematics  
Behavior Genetics Association  
Biophysical Society  
Boston University  
Botanical Society of America  
Brown University  
California Institute of Technology  
Cognitive Science Society  
Columbia University in the City of New York  
Computing Research Association  
Consortium for Ocean Leadership  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
Controlled Release Society  
Council of Graduate Schools  
Council on Social Work Education  
Crop Science Society of America  
Duke University  
Earthquake Engineering Research Institute  
Eating Disorders Research Society  
Ecological Society of America  
Entomological Society of America  
Executive Committee of the American Society of Criminology  
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology  
Foundation for Science and Disability  
Geological Society of America  
Genetics Society of America  
Harvard University  
Human Factors and Ergonomics Society

Institute of Food Technologists  
International Association for Dental Research  
International Society for Computational Biology  
International Society for Stem Cell Research  
Johns Hopkins University  
Law and Society Association  
Linguistic Society of America  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Materials Research Society  
Mathematical Association of America  
Michigan State University  
Microscopy Society of America  
Midwest Political Science Association  
National Association of Biology Teachers  
National Communication Association  
National Organization of Gay & Lesbian Scientists & Technical Professionals (NOGLSTP)  
National Postdoctoral Association  
Natural Science Collections Alliance  
National Science Teachers Association  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Oklahoma Academy of Science  
Organization for the Study of Sex Differences  
Ornithological Council  
Paleontological Society  
Population Association of America  
Princeton University  
Research!America  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Seismological Society of America  
Society for American Archaeology  
Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology  
Society for Computers in Psychology  
Society for Economic Botany  
Society of Experimental Social Psychology  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics  
Society for Mathematical Psychology  
Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology  
Society for the Neural Control of Movement  
Society for Neuroscience  
Society for Personality and Social Psychology  
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues  
Society for Social Studies of Science  
Society for Social Work and Research  
Society for the Study of Evolution

Society for the Study of Reproduction  
Society of Systematic Biologists  
Society of Toxicology  
Soil Science Society of America  
Stanford University  
Stony Brook University  
The American Phytopathological Society  
The Gerontological Society of America  
The Endocrine Society  
The Michael J. Fox Foundation  
The Optical Society  
The Psychonomic Society  
United States Pharmacopeial Convention  
University of California System  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Iowa  
University of Michigan  
University of Pennsylvania  
Vanderbilt University  
Vision Sciences Society  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Yale University

cc: Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell  
Senate Democratic Leader Charles Schumer  
House Speaker Paul Ryan  
House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi