

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,

Academy of Management
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 Immunologists
American Association of Physicists in Medicine
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 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 Public Health Association
American Society for Cell Biology
American Society for Engineering Education
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics
American Society of Civil Engineers
American Society of Human Genetics
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
Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (AMTE)
Biophysical Society
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
IEEE
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 Developmental Biology
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics
Society for Mathematical Psychology
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Psychophysiological Research
Society for the Study of Evolution
Society of Toxicology
The Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences
The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society (TMS)
The Oceanography Society