

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

January, 29, 2017

Dear Howard University Community,

President Donald Trump issued an executive order on Friday, Jan. 27, 2017, blocking immigrants from seven Muslim countries (i.e. Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen) from entering the United States for 90 days, with narrow exceptions. The order also immediately suspends for 120 days the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) banning refugees from the U.S. during this period and restricts Syrian refugees indefinitely.

The University is closely monitoring this situation, including any subsequent legal challenges filed in federal court. We have reviewed the status of our students currently studying abroad, and we are also assessing which faculty or staff may currently be on travel, and potentially impacted. At this point, we have no reports of members of the University Community, who are citizens of the impacted countries that have been blocked from re-entering the United States.

We are closely communicating with other universities regarding the collective impact of this executive action. At this time, we strongly advise any HU-affiliated student or scholar who may be impacted not to travel outside of the United States until this situation is clarified.

Howard University is a community of scholars representing nations, ethnicities, and religious beliefs from throughout the world. Interwoven in our history and collective responsibility is the theme of social justice. We will continue to work closely with other universities, our own legal counsel, elected officials and others to value diversity and provide educational opportunities to students and scholars from throughout the world. We will keep you apprised of any pertinent updates. Thank you.

Excellence in Truth and Service,

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