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Dear Firebird Nation:

As President of the only public institution of higher learning in the nation's capital, I want to address the UNIVERSITY community about the impact of the Friday, January 27th executive order issued by President Trump imposing temporary restrictions on immigration from seven majority-Muslim countries.

With a significant population of international students drawn here by the promise of a quality education, the University of the District of Columbia welcomes all students committed to advancing themselves and their communities.

In my message of November 28th, I stated, "We would move forward as a community with respect for each other and ever mindful of the better world we are striving to create." We recognize that for many in our community, there is fear and uncertainty as a result of the recent executive order. Our students, faculty and staff should know that the University stands firm in its commitment to internationalism and diversity. We fully support all members of the Firebird nation.

We will continue to seek clarity in the midst of this fluid situation and keep you informed. If you are impacted by the executive order and have questions or concerns, you are encouraged to reach out to Layne Pawlik, SEVIS Coordinator, International Student Advisor, PDSO at Elaine.pawlik@udc.edu or 202-274-6852.

We are committed to making the University of the District of Columbia a supportive place that all of our student scholars, staff and faculty can call home.

Sincerely,

Ronald Mason, Jr.

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