Dear Students and Scholars,

On January 27, 2017, President Trump issued an Executive Order (EO) entitled "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States." The EO instituted a 90-day ban that suspended visa issuance and entry to the United States for citizens of Iran, Iraq, Syria, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen.

Since then, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, including Customs and Border Protection, released the following <u>statement</u> confirming their compliance with the order.

The Dashew Center strongly recommends that citizens of the countries listed in the EO, even those who hold a valid U.S. visa, and dual nationals (people who were born in the designated countries, but are now citizens of another country), do not travel outside the United States during the 90-day ban. U.S. permanent residents are also recommended to refrain from travel outside of the U.S., as entry to the U.S. for greencard holders will be determined on a case-by-case basis, as confirmed in another <u>statement</u> from DHS.

We recommend that anyone with ambiguities and other unanswered questions of the Executive Order get advice from an experienced immigration lawyer if they have questions about whether their nationality, country of birth, country of residence, or travel history would make them subject to the Executive Order, or for questions about any possible relief from the consequences of the Executive Order.

The <u>'Frequently Asked Questions'</u> page of Wolfsdorf Rosenthal, LLP, an immigration firm that the Dashew Center works closely with, has up-to-date information clarifying details of the EO.

The Dashew Center will continue to serve and advocate for the international community at UCLA and will send information about important updates through our email listsery. To remind you of the University of California's commitment to our international community, please see statements from Chancellor Gene Block and Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Scott Waugh, and UC President, Janet Napolitano.

The Dashew Center will be holding a Reflection and Information Session for students and scholars who may have questions or concerns about the Executive Order on Tuesday, January 31st from 12-2PM at the Covel Southbay Room. RSVP for the event here.

If you have any immediate questions or concerns about your status in the U.S., please do not hesitate to contact us, 310-825-1681.

Sincerely,

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