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To the Anderson community,

I expect you know of President Trump’s Executive Order signed yesterday restricting entry into the United States for 90 days for individuals from seven countries – Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. Based on news reports, some individuals with immigrant and non-immigrant visas and those with green cards who are originally from these countries are encountering difficulty, or are being denied entry into the United States. At this time, the University recommends that members from these seven countries who hold a visa to enter the United States, or who are lawful permanent residents, not travel outside the United States until more is known about the Executive Action and its consequences.

This order is in conflict with the values of the University of California. President Janet Napolitano reaffirmed on November 30 “… that UC will act upon its deeply held conviction that all members of our community have the right to work, study, and live safely and without fear at all UC locations.”

On a personal note, as once an immigrant to the US myself, I am deeply troubled by any actions that disadvantage an individual for reasons of nationality, religion, or any other protected characteristic. UCLA is a community that is open to all, and we draw enormous strength from our diversity. Let us stand together to protect these valued traditions of openness and inclusivity, and make sure that every student, faculty and staff member feels welcomed, secure and fully supported in our midst.

The note below from the Dashew Center provides information on resources available to international students. The Center will post regular updates. Please don’t hesitate to be in touch with our student services at Anderson, or with me directly.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Important Message From UCLA Dashew Center – Signed Executive Action
Importance: High

Dear Students and Scholars,

An Executive Action was signed this afternoon that may impact U.S. visa and immigration benefits for citizens of Iran, Iraq, Syria, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen. The White House has not yet released the official text of the Executive Action, but updates about the Action will be posted here. The Dashew Center strongly
recommends against any travel outside the United States by citizens of these countries, until more is known about the Executive Action.

The Dashew Center would like to assure you of our commitment to providing assistance and support to our international community at UCLA. We will be working closely with the UC Office of the President and our network of immigration attorneys, to develop a plan for support in case the Executive Action may affect your visa status.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your visa status in the U.S., please feel free to contact the Dashew Center, 310-825-1681.

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