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Dear School of Nursing colleagues,

This has been a tumultuous and heartbreaking weekend after the executive order was issued to temporarily bar entry into the United States for individuals from seven countries: Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. This order was challenged and parts of it are now temporarily stayed. I hope that you have received the statements from Chancellor Block and President Napolitano responding to this order and reaffirming our core values as a university community. At UCLA and at universities across the nation, there are many who are or will be affected by these actions that limit their ability to study, teach and do research.

I share the deep concern about the impact of this executive action on the mission of our university and the well-being of our community. I want to reassure all of our students, staff and faculty that the School of Nursing supports the core values of UCLA and the University of California for the free exchange of scholarship, knowledge and ideas and where peoples from all nations, cultures and religious backgrounds are welcome. Moreover, as nurses, our core values embrace social justice and dignity for all. Please join me in standing together and supporting our colleagues at UCLA and their families during these uncertain and challenging times.

If you are affected, please contact the UCLA Dashew Center for International Students and Scholars at (310) 825-1681 for visa issues or questions. I will update you when I receive any further information.

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