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Dear TFT Community

As you may know, an Executive Action was signed yesterday regarding status of visa and immigration benefits for citizens of Iran, Iraq, Syria, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen.

Early this morning I contacted our EVC/Provost and our Chancellor regarding this situation and to express my urgent and deep concern. They acted quickly upon my request for guidance and have provided the following two important messages that address this very serious issue. Please read below.

I want to stress that all of you have my utmost support. We are a wonderful global community of diverse artists and scholars including our faculty, staff, students along with visiting artists and scholars from all over the world. At our UCLA TFT, we are, and will always be, a warm, welcoming, collegial and humanistic community upholding our mission and ideals of fairness, inclusiveness and respect.

I want to re-assure all of you, our TFT, that as your Dean and colleague, I remain ever steadfast and deeply committed to uphold and protect these ideals each and every day. I want each of you in our community, and especially those directly and immediately impacted by this Executive action, to be fully re-assured that you have my complete support and attention for your safety, security and well-being. I want each of you to come to school every day to be able to shine and succeed - and with the confidence and knowledge that you are valued and cared for, no matter where you come from in the world.

As I continue to receive information regarding this serious immigration issue, I will make sure to immediately share this information with you.

Again, please read below. You have my respect and admiration for being such a thoughtful, caring and respectful community.

1. MESSAGE FROM OUR UCLA ADMINISTRATION:

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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2. MESSAGE FROM THE UC:

Guidance for the UC Community on the Executive Order Affecting Visa Processes and Entry into the United States

On Friday, President Trump issued an executive order that restricts 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, individuals with immigrant and non-immigrant visas and those with green cards who are originally from these countries are being denied entry into the United States. We continue to analyze the executive order and its impact on our students, faculty, scholars, employees, and other community members. **At this time, we recommend that UC community members from these seven countries who hold a visa to enter the United States or who are lawful permanent residents do not travel outside of the United States.**

We will continue to monitor and analyze the impact of the executive order and will issue additional guidance as soon as possible. Until then, if you are a visa holder or green card holder from one of these countries that is currently abroad, or you have any questions, please contact the International Studies Office on your campus.

Warmest regards,
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