Whereas, President Trump has issued Executive Order (EO 13769) “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States”¹,

Whereas, the United States has long been proud to call itself a home for immigrants from across the world,

Whereas, the effect of this order has been to cease all entry into the United States of non-permanent residents and non-United States Citizens from the countries of Iraq, Iran, Syria, Yemen, Sudan, Libya, and Somalia²,

Whereas, even those with student visas, regardless of how long they have studied in the United States, are affected by this policy,

Whereas, even those that are currently here safely and legally will be unable to return after leaving the country for even a temporary time to connect with their home and family,

Whereas, the Association of International Educators estimates that international students contributed $364 million to the Wisconsin economy and $32.8 billion to the United States economy³ this last academic year,

Whereas, international students contributed 4,475 total jobs for Wisconsin and 400,812 jobs for the United States³ this last academic year,

Whereas, some of the greatest advancements have come on U.S. soil from those affected by this immigration ban, including advancements in fighting Ebola and HIV/AIDS, landing Spirit and Opportunity on Mars, quantum computing, and so much more⁴,

Whereas, the Cato Institute notes that the chances of being killed by a foreign-born terrorist are less than 0.00003% each year⁵, and furthermore states that “large policy changes like an immigration or tourist moratorium would impose far greater costs than benefits”⁶,

Whereas, there have been no fatal terrorist attacks from the seven affected countries since 1975⁶,

Whereas, one has a higher chance of dying from the vaccine-preventable flu⁷; accidental gunshots⁸; being stung to death by hornets, wasps and bees⁹; or being killed by an asteroid coming from outer space⁷,
Therefore be it resolved, that the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee declares that we formally stand with our international students and oppose this travel ban.

Therefore be it further resolved, that the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Student Association formally requests all UW-System officials and United States government officials at both the local and federal level to publicly speak out against this executive order as it was not implemented to keep us safe, evidenced by the number of things far more dangerous than foreign-born terrorists that could be prevented by vaccination programs, gun regulation, laws requiring professionals to remove hives, and proper funding to NASA's asteroid discovery program.

Therefore be it finally resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to the UW System President, UW System Board of Regents, the Chancellor and his cabinet, the Governor's office, and the offices of Senator Baldwin and Senator Johnson.

References


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