



February 8, 2017

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM) is deeply concerned by your Executive Order suspending the entry of alien nationals from seven countries as specified in the DHS Fact Sheet published on January 29th.

The ACNM is a U.S.-based international organization which serves the clinical practice and physician directed practice of Nuclear Medicine and is the organization serving and protecting the interests and welfare of our members and the millions of patients we treat. Nuclear Medicine is a field of medical science that prospers only through the interaction of excellent scientific minds from around the world. Physician and scientist immigrants from around the world have shaped the field of nuclear medicine, many of whom are immigrants from countries with large Muslim populations. This includes the innovation and development of Positron Emission Tomography (PET), a technology which has become an irreplaceable method for correctly diagnosing cancer and accurately evaluating the success or failure of cancer treatments. It has forever changed the way physicians approach patients with cancer and many other diseases, and it has created countless new jobs and careers for practitioners and technologists, scientists and equipment manufacturers.

This Executive Order may exert a disruptive impact on the ACNM and the physician members of our organization. Many of our doctors in training (resident physicians and physician fellows) are from countries listed in the travel restriction. These doctors represent the future of Nuclear Medicine.

Our regular collaborative medical and scientific conferences are international, and they are already suffering a creative loss with the barring of the brilliant minds from the countries included in the travel restrictions. We are now compelled to advise our medical and scientific colleagues and exhibitors affiliated with these seven countries to cancel all future travel plans for participation in any conference requiring travel either into or out of the borders of the United States.

While we support efforts of our nation's security services to keep Americans safe from acts of terrorism, we respectfully and strongly request immediate and expedited revision of the Executive Order to allow our current and future medical professional access to creative research and adequate care of their patients.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,


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President, ACNM

cc: Senate Majority Leader, Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader, Charles Schumer
House Speaker Paul Ryan
House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi
Ron Johnson, Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs
Claire McCaskill, top-ranking Democrat, USSC on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs
Michael McCaul, Chairman, House Homeland Security Committee
Bennie G. Thompson, Ranking Member, House Homeland Security Committee
Dana Boente, Acting U.S. Attorney General
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Robert Goodlatte, Chair, House Judiciary Committee
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Lori Scialabba, Acting Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services