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Office of the President

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Dear Chancellors,

In light of the news late last week that an executive order was issued suspending admission to the United States of all refugees as well as citizens of seven countries, I wanted to reiterate the UA System's position on the matter.

In such a diverse system of higher education as ours that recognizes the many integral contributions international students, faculty, researchers and employees make on a daily basis, I understand the impact this decision can have on our campuses. It is in the true spirit of what institutions of higher learning can offer culturally and intellectually to honor and respect contributions from everyone, including those from the seven countries immediately impacted by the executive order.

We are currently gathering all relative information from our campuses and the extent of the effect this will have on students, faculty and staff at our institutions. In the meantime, I ask that you work through your routine campus channels in handling any issues that arise regarding this matter, and not to hesitate to contact my office if any problems arise. UA System resources stand ready to assist any individual associated under our umbrella who is affected by this policy.

Sincerely,



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President

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