

February 13, 2017

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

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Minority Whip
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear President Trump, Speaker Ryan, Majority Leader McCarthy, Minority Leader Pelosi, and Minority Whip Hoyer:

The undersigned members of the Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS) are concerned that the recent executive order suspending some foreign entry into the United States will have a negative impact on patient care, medical research, the education of health professionals, and international scientific collaboration. Tens of thousands of people from more than 100 countries come to the United States each year to exchange ideas to improve patient care throughout the world. Progress against disease will falter if the global community engaging together in medical care is divided by policies that bar members of certain nationalities from entering the United States to deliver patient care, conduct research, participate in medical education and engage in scientific discourse. We call on national leaders to eliminate barriers to scientific exchange and medical education.

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American College of Surgeons
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American Psychiatric Association
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American Society for Radiation Oncology
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