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Dear UA Community –

As the country grapples with the evolving implementation of the President's Executive Order restricting immigration, I assure you that the University of Alaska is working to understand the full impacts on our students, faculty, employees and their families. And, more importantly, I want to assure you that our university remains committed to the open exchange of students, scholars, and ideas from all over the world.

We are concerned about the well-being of our students, faculty and staff who may be traveling and kept from returning to our universities as a result of this policy. Although that number seems to be small, any impact is concerning.

The university is consulting with experts in order to provide guidance or assistance to any students or employees from the affected countries. We also are in regular contact with other universities and national associations to understand the implications of the new policy.

I want to repeat that the University of Alaska is committed to ensuring that all students, staff, faculty and their families can focus on what brought them here in the first place, the pursuit of scholarship in an environment that supports them regardless of their race, ethnicity, or national origin.

If students or employees need information about international travel or have concerns about their return to campus or visas, please use the following contact:

UAA: <https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/international-student-services>

UAF: <https://www.uaf.edu/oip/>

UAS: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/exchanges>

Sincerely,

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