



Dear International Colleagues and Distinguished Dignitaries,

You may have received a communication recently sent to all ACP international members regarding the College's concerns about the recent executive order restricting immigration to the U.S. from seven predominantly Muslim countries, including refugees and those who already hold visas for entry into the United States.

As President of ACP and an internal medicine physician dedicated to improving the care of patients, I want to convey to you, as leaders of internal medicine across the globe, the College's ongoing commitment to advocate for non-discriminatory policies that support families, public health, and medical education while ensuring that persons entering the U.S. are thoroughly vetted before being granted visas.

In accordance with our principles and values, ACP holds in high regard the significant contributions of physicians of all religions, races, ethnicities and cultures across the world. ACP issued a public statement on January 30, 2017 that reaffirmed the College's longstanding policy on diversity in medicine and our commitment towards non-discrimination against physicians, followed by a comprehensive statement on U.S. immigration policy issued on January 31, 2017 that details the College's opposition to discrimination, religious tests, refugee bans, and denial of entry to persons with legal visas.

We encourage you to help us strengthen the global voice of internal medicine by disseminating our statements among your members. We, as internal medicine colleagues and leaders, must stand together to support diversity and the free exchange of scientific knowledge around the world.

Sincerely,

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