



Giving Grad Students a Voice...

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**GSS Statement on President Trump's Executive Order:
Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorists Entry into the United States**

Iowa City, Iowa - The recent executive orders enacted by President Donald Trump have caused justified outrage and alarm amongst the University of Iowa community. The suspension of entry of foreign nationals, including visa entries, from seven Muslim-majority countries has immediate and far-reaching effects on the daily lives of our student body.

We, as the Graduate Student Senate, stand in solidarity with the international community by agreeing with the ACLU's condemnation of these acts as "unlawful" and fundamentally xenophobic. The ability of universities across this nation to assure the free exchange of ideas, without fear of deportation or detainment, has been severely weakened. We, as the Graduate Student Senate, therefore urge the leadership of the University of Iowa and its various colleges to finally declare publicly that this institution fully and unwaveringly stands behind all of its students and workers. It is time to demonstrate the political will to stand up for the fundamental principles behind public higher education and an open, democratic society. We recognize that compliance with unjust laws itself perpetuates injustice and we therefore strongly encourage the university to denounce and refuse to comply with any unjust laws proposed by this administration.

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