



TO: The Ohio State University Community

FROM: Gerard Basalla, USG President
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RE: Recent Executive Order Affecting Immigration

We want to express our deep concern with the recent Executive Order limiting immigration and the impact it is having on our fellow students and their families, as well as on staff and faculty of Ohio State.

We acknowledge the responsibility the federal government bears for protecting all citizens and residents, as well as the power over borders and immigration vested in the Executive branch by our Constitution; however, we are troubled by the ways in which this recent action appears to go against values that we as Buckeyes hold dear, including those of academic freedom, self-expression and family.

We appreciate President Drake's leadership on this matter, expressed both in his communications to the campus community over the past days and the university's work to successfully secure the release of the spouse of one of our fellow students. We encourage everyone affected by the executive order to reach out to the university's resources including:

- [Office of International Affairs](#)
- Immigration Coordinators at iss@osu.edu.
- [Office of Student Life's Counseling and Consultation Service](#)
- [Student Advocacy Center](#)

Finally, we echo President Drake's affirmation of the university's unwavering commitment to diversity and inclusion and the value that members of the international community continue to bring to our pursuit and sharing of knowledge. We in student government will continue to work together and individually with our respective Student Governments and the University's administration to advocate for policy that does not unfairly target fellow students and others in our Buckeye community.