

Resolution 1617-SP-001
A Resolution Opposing Recent Executive Order Barring
Immigration

Passed at the Feb. 24 2017 CGS Delegate meeting

WHEREAS The Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is the representative body of all graduate students enrolled in The Ohio State University (established by Article II.I of the CGS Constitution); and

WHEREAS on January 27th, 2017, President Donald J. Trump issued an Executive Order effectively suspending “nearly all travelers” on passports from Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Iran, Somalia, Libya, and Yemen from entry into the United States of America,

WHEREAS little or no evidence of past current or future threat from citizens of these countries was provided, nor was any other reasoning offered for the banning of citizens of these 7 countries,

WHEREAS this Executive Order does not explicitly protect foreign nationals with approved visas issued for the purpose of pursuing higher education,

WHEREAS this Executive Order bars current graduate students who are citizens of these countries from pursuing academic research that requires the ability to travel abroad,

WHEREAS this Executive Order further states that “at any point” citizens of additional nations may be submitted for similar treatment,

WHEREAS The Ohio State University has more than 6,000 international students as part of its community,

"THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students at The Ohio State University expresses its strong opposition to the aforementioned Executive Order, and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that we affirm the University’s commitment to international students as expressed in President Michael Drake’s recent letter to the University community and we ask that the University explore all reasonable options to oppose this Executive Order or any other such orders which, with similar apparent arbitrary intent, similarly threaten access to our shared pursuit and sharing of knowledge."