October 17, 2017

President Donald J. Trump The White House United States of America

Dear President Trump:

The September 24, 2017, White House proclamation on visas and immigration has serious implications for diplomatic, humanitarian, and national security interests, in part because it weakens our U.S. science and engineering capacity.

The undersigned organizations—representing a broad spectrum of professional scientific, engineering education societies, national associations, and universities—remain concerned that this proclamation, following on the March 6 and January 27 Executive Orders, will reduce U.S. science and engineering output to the detriment of our nation.

We continue to assert that scientific progress depends on openness, transparency, and the free flow of ideas; these principles have helped the United States to attract and richly benefit from international scientific talent. To remain the world leader in advancing scientific knowledge and innovation, the U.S. science and technology enterprise must continue to capitalize on the international and multicultural environment within which it operates.

The White House statements and associated policies are discouraging many of the best and brightest international students, scholars, and scientists from choosing the United States as the ideal nation for studying and working, attending academic and scientific conferences, and seeking to build new businesses. In fact, we are now seeing visas being denied to scientists wishing to speak at scientific conferences in the United States.

There is growing concern among international students from many nations—including those that are not named in the administration's current restrictions—that recent U.S. policy could be expanded further to include other nations. International students no longer view the United States as a welcoming country.

We stand ready to assist you in crafting immigration and visa policy that advances U.S. prosperity and ensures strong borders, while staying true to our foundational American principles as a nation of immigrants.

Sincerely,

Academy of Management Acoustical Society of America Alabama Academy of Science American Academy of Forensic Sciences American Anthropological Association American Association for Dental Research

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