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## Letters to the UMB Community

### UMB Statement on Temporary Ban of Individuals Entering the United States

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To the UMB Community:

I know that many of us are deeply concerned about the temporary ban placed on travelers from seven majority-Muslim countries to the United States. I acknowledge that our national security is of paramount importance; nonetheless, several questions—of critical and immediate consequence—are raised by the executive order signed by President Trump on Friday. We are therefore working with the University System of Maryland (USM) to determine the implications for our students, faculty, and staff.

As we investigate what this order means for those within our academic community, we hold tight to our shared principles, which remain unaltered by this executive action: that UMB is enriched by the scholarly contributions of people from around the world; that we will maintain our openness to the talent that resides in citizens of all nations; and that we will work to ensure that U.S. law — which we will follow — is consistent with our University values.

USM Chancellor Robert L. Caret, PhD, has issued a [statement](#) regarding President Trump's executive order and USM's response. We will continue to seek guidance from USM regarding implications for the UMB community and for American higher education. We must reinforce to U.S. policymakers that our national strength and prosperity rely on federal immigration and visa policies that reflect the vital role immigrants and visitors play in U.S. scholarship, discovery, innovation, and economic development.

I strongly urge students, faculty, and staff from the affected countries—and, in fact, any non-citizens currently holding a visa—to contact [Amy Ramirez](#) for guidance on travel plans. Ms. Ramirez is director of international services in the Office of Academic Affairs and can be reached at 410-706-7488.

In the days ahead, the Diversity Advisory Council will post a list of [resources](#) for those who want to learn more about the international community on UMB's campus and in Baltimore City. Additionally, should you need counseling services, I ask you to make use of our [Student Counseling Center](#) and [Employee Assistance Program](#).

Sincerely,

**Jay A. Perman, MD**  
*President*

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