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CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

CMU issues statement about executive order on immigration

The Central Michigan University family includes students, faculty, staff and alumni from around the world with wonderfully diverse backgrounds and identities. These differences, including in perspective and knowledge, help make our university great and enrich our academic contributions, research and service to others.

We work diligently to foster a diverse and inclusive community where individuals of many races, genders, religions and other identities feel safe and valued. Our commitment can be seen in our recruitment from countries around the world, including the seven named in Friday evening's executive order issued by the president of the United States.

We have heard concerns expressed by students, faculty, staff and alumni, and remind all that CMU's core values include respect and inclusiveness. In fact, I soon will appoint an ad hoc equity and inclusion recommendation team to help us determine our university's path forward, as we value all members of our university community.

The federal order places at least a 90-day restriction on entry into the U.S. if a person is a citizen of or was born in Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen. We have been advised that until further clarification or guidance is provided, these individuals should exercise caution by refraining from international travel.

We encourage students and employees who plan to travel outside of the U.S. and think they may be affected by the order, as well as those concerned about their visa status, to contact the [CMU Office of International Affairs](#).

Please be assured that we will look out for one another in the days and weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

President George E. Ross