Dear UT Community,

In response to President Donald Trump’s executive order suspending the entry of individuals from certain countries into the United States for 90 days, we at The University of Toledo affirm our support for our international students, faculty and staff.

As I shared yesterday in my statement on this issue, The University of Toledo welcomes people of all racial, ethnic, cultural, religious, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic, national and international backgrounds. Diversity is a core value of the University. We believe our diversity makes us stronger, and we work hard to create an environment of inclusion. It is the contributions of and collaboration with people from backgrounds different than our own that allow us to excel in education, research and economic development, and contribute to society.

I have consulted with the Office of the Provost, Division of Student Affairs, Center for International Studies and Programs, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and the UT Police Department. There are currently no students abroad impacted by the executive order, and we strongly encourage those individuals from the countries affected to avoid all international travel for the immediate future. It is important to know that campus police have not inquired about immigration status in the past, and there are no plans to start doing so.

Please know we are all here to help address any concerns, questions or worries you may have, and will work to connect you with local resources, including immigration attorneys, to address your specific situations. Contact Dr. Sammy Spann, assistant provost for international studies and programs, at 419.530.5268 or Sammy.Spann@utoledo.edu, or Dr. Kaye M. Patten, senior vice president for student affairs, at 419.530.2665 or Kaye.PattenWallace@utoledo.edu, for assistance.

We will be communicating with our faculty, students and staff who are, or could potentially be, impacted by this order. We also are monitoring potential changes to immigration laws, policies and practices. We will keep you updated as we learn more information.

Sincerely,

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President