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The Honorable Rodney Davis
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Dear Representative Davis:

We write to request your help in opposing the recent executive order “protecting the nation from foreign terrorist entry into the United States.” The order has immediate consequences for the University of Illinois as well as other institutions of higher learning in this country and abroad.

The executive order issued by President Trump on Monday, 6 March 2017, which bans foreign nationals from six Muslim-majority countries from entering the US for 90 days and bans all refugees for 120 days, harms the free exchange of ideas and the ability of the University of Illinois to fulfill its educational and research missions. Already the policy, as well as the one it replaces, has stalled the admission of some of our most qualified applicants, disrupted the lives of many of our students who can no longer travel to or from the university to their homes, and prohibited the visit of top researchers to the university. The policy has damaged, and will continue to damage, the University of Illinois as a center for education, research, public service, and economic development.

Please let us know what you are doing to oppose this executive order. We would welcome a public meeting in your congressional district at which we and other constituents could discuss this matter.

On behalf of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Chapter of the American Association of University Professors,

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