# Our Commitment to International Students and Scholars





International Student and Scholar Community

## Immigration Executive Orders

#### **JANUARY 27**

President issues Executive Order banning entry for 90 days by citizens from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen. The order also indefinitely halts refugees from Syria.

#### **FEBRUARY 9**

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals prevents government from enforcing entry ban.

#### **MARCH 15-16**

Travel ban blocked, first by a judge in Hawaii, followed by a judge in Maryland. The restraining order applied nationwide.















#### **JANUARY 28-29**

Judges in New York and Massachusetts temporarily block order.

#### MARCH 6

New Executive Order with revised travel ban. Iraq removed from list of restricted countries.

#### MARCH 29

Federal judge in Hawaii converts temporary restraining order to preliminary injunction.



#### **TODAY**

Travel ban remains blocked.

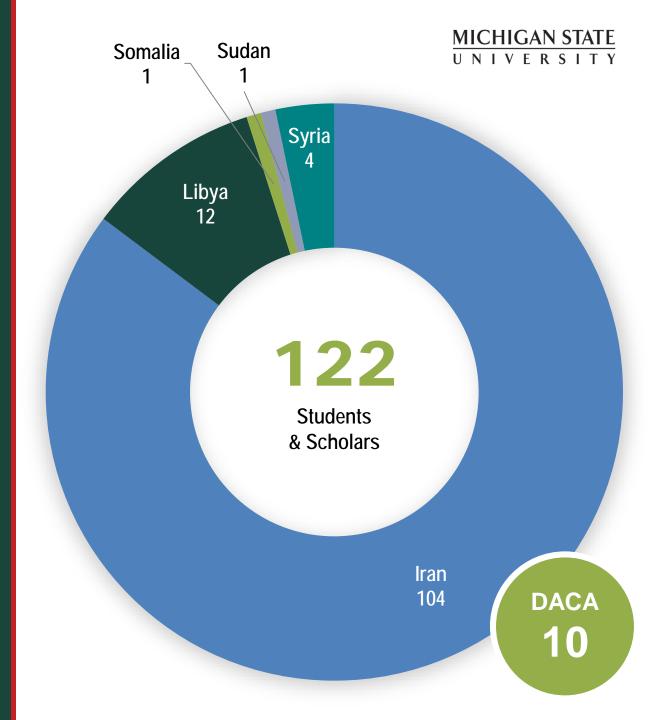


# Potential MSU Impacts

**Undergraduate: 10** 

**Graduate: 94** 

Scholars: 18



## Two University Committees

#### **EXECUTIVE TASK FORCE**

High-level administrators of critical and applicable units.

- Oversight
- Policy
- Strategy

#### **OPERATIONS TEAM**

On-the-ground staff closely interacting with students.

- Advising
- Communications
- Coordination



## **Executive Task Force**

- Denise Maybank (Student Affairs)
- Sekhar Chivukula (Undergrad Education)
- Judith Stoddart (Grad Education)
- Radhika Pasricha (General Counsel)
- Vennie Gore (Residential & Hospitality Services)
- Mark Burnam (Government Affairs)
- David Thronson (Immigration Law Clinic)
- Heather Swain (CABS)
- Paulette Granberry Russel (OI3)
- John Gaboury (Provost Office)
- Doug Gage (Research and Graduate Studies)
- Sarah Walter (MSU D.C. office),
- Beth Alexander (Human Medicine)
- John Hudzik (Former VP of Global Engagement)

## MSU Responses/Statements



President's Office OIII OISS

MSU Colleges and Departments



"You Are Welcome Here" Video Video featuring campus & community leaders Rallies and Open Letters



Information Sessions
Town Halls
Advising

"Our students and scholars come from around the world to become Spartans, and then return to the world to make it better."

MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon

#### Town Halls & Info Sessions

**February 1:** Addressed the EO signed January 27<sup>th</sup> in terms of what it meant, how it affected students/scholars, and what support resources/services were available; Streamed live on the internet and audio portion was available on the OISS webpage. ~ Attendance 200.

**March 16:** Addressed EO signed March 6<sup>th</sup> in terms of university responses to student questions about how their academics would be supported. ~Attendance 30.

#### **OISS Immigration Sessions**

February 7-10: Four sessions to answer questions from international students/scholars about EO immigration issues.

#### **OISS/MSP/Olin Psychiatry Emotional Support sessions**

February 3 & 6: Dr. Farha Abbasi, Clinical Psychiatrist, Olin Health Center

"Hear Us" Support rally (Persian Student Association)

February 8: Sponsored by MSP; featured OISS Director.







## Contact Info: Immigration Issues

- oiss.isp.msu.edu
- Portal for MSU information about EOs relative to travel bans.
- First point of contact
- •Features:
  - E.O. updates
  - FAQ's
  - Campus and community resources
  - Additional points of contacts
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## Contact Info: Academic Issues

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## Contact Info: Health and Safety

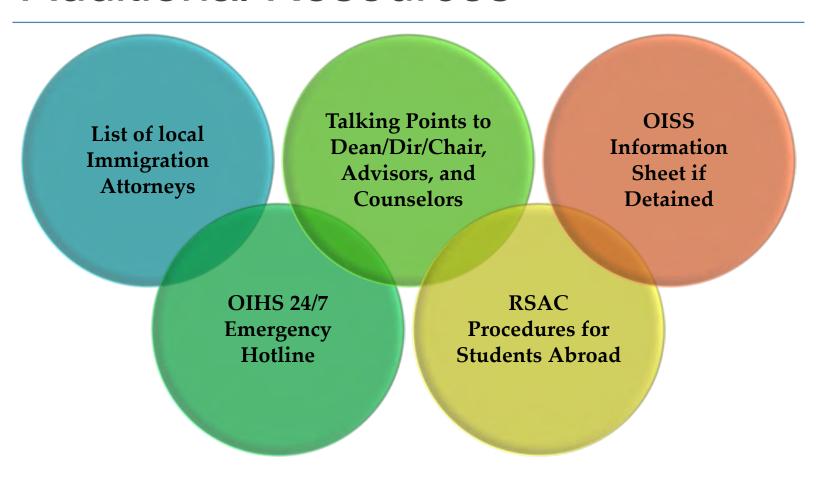
Office for International Health and Safety

- oihs@msu.edu
- 24/7 Emergency Line +1-517-353-3784



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## Additional Resources



## Support Units

Counseling Center, Olin Health Center, or Student Affairs and Services for Student Support

The MSU College of Law Immigration Law Clinic

Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives

Employee Assistance Program for Faculty and Staff

## Student Concerns



#### General

- Clarifications on who is affected and how
- Immigration rights and responsibilities
- What documents to carry
- Changes in status

#### Academic

- University support
- Ability to continue programs
- Anxiety affecting academic productivity

## Health & Safety

- Emotional toll
- Personal safety, harassment

## **Principles of Support**

#### Values Statement

Michigan State University is committed to our institutional values: quality, inclusiveness, and connectivity. We embrace building a vibrant, intellectual community that offers and respects a broad range of ideas and perspectives. As an intentional global university, we value the diversity and richness that international students, faculty, and staff contribute to the university and to the community.

Students from countries around the world play an invaluable role in MSU's classrooms, labs, and community as we work to solve problems and change lives locally, nationally, and globally.

While U.S. immigration policies evolve, MSU remains committed to providing students from impacted countries the opportunity to receive a quality educational experience

## **Principles of Support**

MSU will work with impacted students to:

- Provide timely updates and answer questions about the implications of shifting immigration laws, policies, and practices
- Continue to accept and admit students from impacted countries
- Defer admission of accepted students whose arrival is delayed
- Explore opportunities for students who have made significant progress toward their degrees, but are unable to return to campus, to complete studies and be awarded an MSU degree



## **Principles of Support**

MSU will work with impacted students to:

- Help students identify alternative funding sources for students who are unable to return to campus, or to leave campus, and who lose access to financial support because of immigration related travel restrictions
- Provide high quality individualized academic advising to all students who find themselves facing difficulty related to immigration or travel complications, through a central point person in the Graduate School and the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education
- Advise and assist graduating students who are pursuing practical training to complement their education
- Evaluate and prioritize assistance, acknowledging the importance of keeping families together



## Thank You