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ACSP Statement on Immigration Ban

ACSP officers and elected Governing Board members are deeply concerned about the recent executive order issued by the new White House administration that amounts to a ban of entry to the U.S. for citizens of seven majority-Muslim countries and halt admission of refugees, and other official statements concerning vulnerable populations, such as “Dreamers”, LGBTQ, and others.

"As educators, these restrictions and statements undermine our ability to foster the diversity among students, staff, and faculty that enhances our teaching, learning, research, and societal impact. As planning researchers and instructors, these policies harden divisions among us when the great challenges that we face today – social inequalities, climate change, and degrading infrastructure – demand collaborative responses that are global in scope and commitment. Already in a matter of days, we have seen firsthand the pain and damage that the executive order and statements have caused among our colleagues, neighbors, friends, and loved ones. We will do all we can to fight these unjust and deeply harmful actions and intentions. We strengthen our commitment to maintain and advance the field of planning as a diverse international community that brings people together toward greater understanding to better respond to our global challenges."

If you have not already done so, also consider signing this petition as more than tens of thousands of faculty across the U.S. have done to protest the said executive order. The petition is limited to academics.

Here is the relevant link to the letter: <https://notoimmigrationban.com/>

~ ACSP 2017-2018 Governing Board