February 13, 2017

President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Majority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
Minority Whip  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear President Trump, Speaker Ryan, Majority Leader McCarthy, Minority Leader Pelosi, and Minority Whip Hoyer:

The undersigned members of the Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS) are concerned that the recent executive order suspending some foreign entry into the United States will have a negative impact on patient care, medical research, the education of health professionals, and international scientific collaboration. Tens of thousands of people from more than 100 countries come to the United States each year to exchange ideas to improve patient care throughout the world. Progress against disease will falter if the global community engaging together in medical care is divided by policies that bar members of certain nationalities from entering the United States to deliver patient care, conduct research, participate in medical education and engage in scientific discourse. We call on national leaders to eliminate barriers to scientific exchange and medical education.

American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology  
American Academy of Dermatology  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
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American Academy of Neurology  
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American College of Cardiology  
American College of Emergency Physicians  
American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics  
American College of Physicians  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American College of Rheumatology  
American College of Surgeons  
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American Epilepsy Society  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Medical Informatics Association  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
American Society for Radiation Oncology  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Plastic Surgeons  
American Urological Association  
North American Spine Society  
Society for Vascular Surgery  
Society of Critical Care Medicine  
Society of Gynecologic Oncology  
Society of Hospital Medicine  
Society of Interventional Radiology  
Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging  
Society of Thoracic Surgeons

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