



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Statement from the DC Chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians

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The DC Chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians has serious concerns about the Executive Order issued by President Trump on Friday, January 27, 2017, temporarily restricting travel from seven predominantly Muslim countries and indefinitely halting the admission of refugees escaping the war in Syria.

Many of our member physicians work with refugees from the targeted countries, making us all the more aware of the harm this order has the potential to inflict on these vulnerable populations.

Further, the board of directors of the DC Chapter of the AAFP is deeply concerned about the effects of the Executive Order on our colleagues who come from the targeted countries, some of whom represent the finest and most committed doctors we know, who care for underserved communities in and around the District of Columbia.

We stand together with other health care organizations in asking the President to rescind this Executive Order.

In making this call we are motivated by nothing but our moral, ethical and professional obligations to help those in need, regardless of faith or country of origin.

Board of the DCAFP