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Dear Keene State Students and Colleagues,

I want to take this opportunity to connect with you in light of the recent executive order and travel ban put in place by President Trump. These actions have raised many questions and concerns across the nation, within the educational community, and on our campus with students, faculty, and staff.

We strongly support all members of this community who are experiencing concern over these recent developments or who may possibly be affected by future changes to our country’s immigration law. We welcome individuals to this campus community from countries outside the United States, who strengthen Keene State’s campus life and the quality of our academic experience through expertise, curiosity, and unique perspectives.

Currently, we do not have faculty or staff from any of the seven countries identified in the executive orders. Likewise, we do not have students from these countries who are here on student visas, and we are looking to see if there are any students who are here with other types of immigration status. The Global Education Office is reaching out to our international students and I encourage any student experiencing concern to contact them directly. Students may also contact the Office of Multicultural Student Support. Faculty and staff should raise any concerns with their dean or principal administrator.

This is clearly an evolving situation where more specifics are needed. College administrators are participating in conversations at the state and national levels and will continue to track and share information as it develops. Most importantly, we will stand with each other as we move through this time of uncertainty.

Respectfully,

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