

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

June 27, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
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The Honorable Kristi Noem  
Secretary of Homeland Security  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE  
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The Honorable Marco Rubio  
Secretary of State  
United States Department of State  
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The Honorable Pam Bondi  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
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Dear President Trump, Secretary Noem, Secretary Rubio, and Attorney General Bondi:

We write to express our strong opposition to President Trump's recent decision to issue a sweeping travel ban that will deny entry to thousands of individuals from 19 different countries. This discriminatory ban will not improve our country's national security, but it will needlessly rip families apart. We urge President Trump to rescind it immediately.

During President Trump's first term, his administration implemented a range of travel restrictions on nationals from several countries, many of which were majority-Muslim countries. These travel bans faced continual legal challenges because of their blatantly discriminatory designs.<sup>1</sup> President Biden terminated the latest version of President Trump's travel ban when he took office in 2021, but the damage had already been done. The first Muslim Ban wreaked havoc on families, forcing over forty thousand people who had cleared one of the most exhaustive immigration vetting systems in the world to miss weddings, funerals, graduations, and births.<sup>2</sup> What's more, there is no evidence that this ban or any further iteration did anything to improve national security or prevent terrorism.

Despite the failure of the original Muslim and travel bans, President Trump has now issued an even broader travel ban. This new extreme travel ban will prevent nationals from twelve countries (Afghanistan, Chad, Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Myanmar, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen) from entering the United States, with seven other countries (Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan, and Venezuela) facing partial restrictions, meaning individuals from these countries cannot come to the U.S. permanently or

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<sup>1</sup> [Trump issues new multi-country travel ban - POLITICO](#)

<sup>2</sup> [20 years after 9/11, Islamophobia continues to haunt Muslims - ABC News](#)

apply for certain visas.<sup>3</sup> The administration is reportedly considering imposing restrictions on an additional 36 countries.<sup>4</sup>

The effects of this discriminatory travel ban will be devastating. In the last year alone over 126,000 visas have been issued to nationals from just the twelve countries on the fully restricted list.<sup>5</sup> These are individuals who are looking to come to the United States to reunite with family, support our economy, or otherwise enrich our country in innumerable ways. President Trump's actions once again disgrace the founding principles of our nation and enshrine cruelty into our immigration system.

Additionally, this travel ban will harm our economy by depriving the United States of workers in key fields experiencing labor shortages like medicine and agriculture and further devastating our domestic tourism industry which is already expected to decline by \$12.5 billion in 2025.<sup>6</sup>

Given these severe impacts, we condemn this proclamation and urge President Trump to rescind it immediately. We also seek transparency into President Trump's decision-making process and, accordingly, request answers to the following questions by July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025:

1. President Trump's proclamation banned travel from countries based on a report that "identified countries for which vetting and screening information is so deficient as to warrant a full suspension of admissions and countries that warrant a partial suspension of admission," as well as considered "various factors, including each country's screening and vetting capabilities, information sharing policies, and country-specific risk factors — including whether each country has a significant terrorist presence within its territory, its visa-overstay rate, and its cooperation with accepting back its removable nationals."
  - a. Will your administration release this report in full to Congress and the public?
  - b. How are screening and vetting processes determined to be "deficient?"
  - c. What are the specific criteria by which your administration will continuously evaluate a country's "conditions and vetting standards?" What are the parameters for a country to have a system that is considered sufficient?
2. What is the status of your administration's deliberations to add more countries to the travel ban?
3. What is the estimate of the economic impacts on tourism, jobs, and foreign direct investment as a result of this travel ban?
4. What metrics will your administration use to evaluate the effectiveness of the travel ban in protecting national security?
5. Section 4(c) and (d) of the proclamation contemplates exceptions when in the national interest.
  - a. What procedures and guidelines will your administration use to determine who receives an exemption from your travel ban?

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<sup>3</sup> [Restricting The Entry of Foreign Nationals to Protect the United States from Foreign Terrorists and Other National Security and Public Safety Threats – The White House](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Trump administration demands action from 36 countries to avoid travel ban | Associated Press](#)

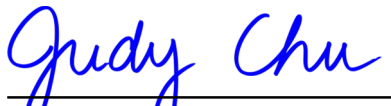
<sup>5</sup> [What we know about the countries on Trump's travel ban list, and how many people will be impacted | CNN](#)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/business/foreign-travel-spending-us-decline-7-2025-report-says-2025-05-13/>

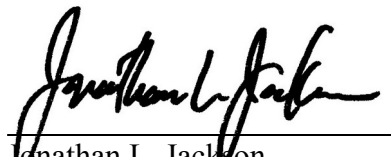
- b. Will your administration make these procedures and guidelines public, and will your administration allow individuals to apply for exceptions?
- 6. President Trump's proclamation identifies insufficient vetting as a reason to bar immigrant visas from certain suspended countries. However, his proclamation exempts immediate relatives of U.S. citizens who can show "clear and convincing evidence of identity and family relationship (e.g. DNA)." <sup>7</sup>
  - a. Given that your administration accept DNA tests as a valid form of identification and evidence of familial relationship, why has your administration categorically suspended the entry of all other family-based immigrant visa applicants, including those who could also prove their identity in that manner?
- 7. For several countries (Burundi, Chad, the Republic of Congo, Togo, and Turkmenistan), President Trump's proclamation lists no reason for a suspension of visas other than the visa overstay rates of individuals on B-1, B-2, B-1/B-2, F, M, and J visas, which are nonimmigrant visas. However, President Trump's proclamation fully suspends all immigrant visas for those countries, including all family and employment-based visas.
  - a. How does your administration justify suspending all immigrant visas on the basis of an unrelated nonimmigrant visa overstay rate?
  - b. Did your administration conduct individualized analyses for all nonimmigrant visa types, or rely solely on the B-1, B-2, B-1/B-2, F, M, and J visa overstay rates?


We thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

  
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Member of Congress

  
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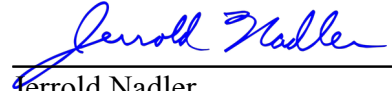
  
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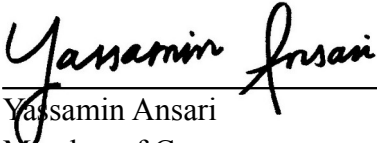
<sup>7</sup> [Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Restricts the Entry of Foreign Nationals to Protect the United States from Foreign Terrorists and Other National Security and Public Safety Threats – The White House](#)



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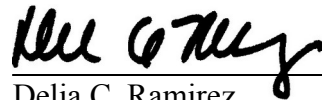
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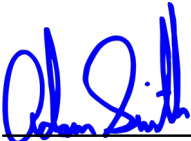
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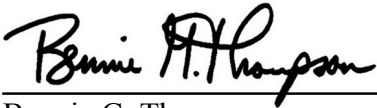
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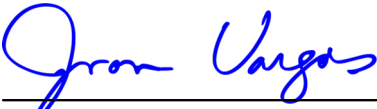
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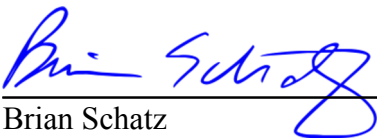
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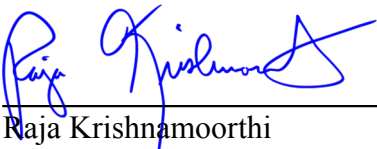
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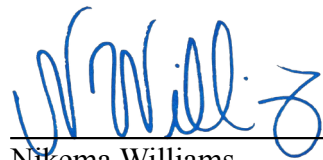
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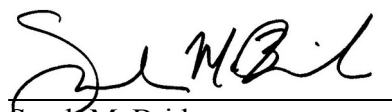
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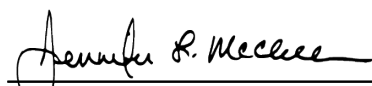
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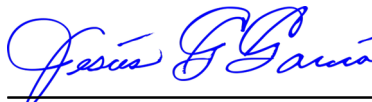
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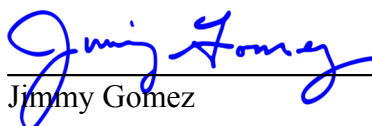
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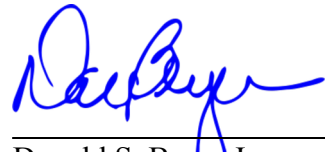
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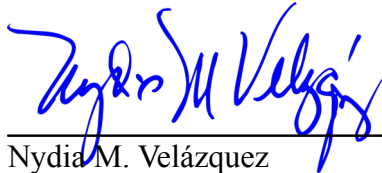
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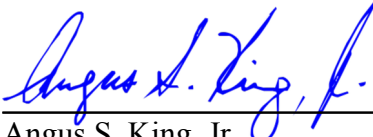
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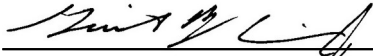
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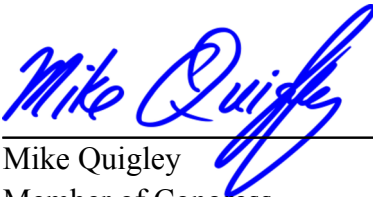
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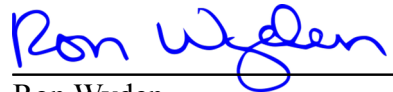
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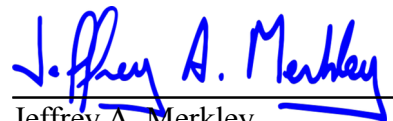
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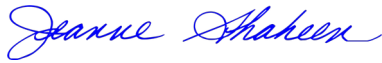
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