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A STATEMENT ON RECENT EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND RESOURCES TO THE STUDENT BODY

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Patriots,

Over the weekend, the Executive Order signed by President Donald Trump has affected many Americans, and created more concern and fear amongst others. We reaffirm the words of President Cabrera in restating our support for those affected, as they are students from the Mason community who have much to offer. We further reaffirm we stand in solidarity and support of those affected populations out of basic decency and respect, reaffirming that these lives are important and cannot be denigrated. We reaffirm Islam is and has always been a religion of peace that has enriched this country and humanity in ways innumerable. We stand in support, and ready to be of help.

On the George Mason University campus, a variety of options are open to students who wish to use them. First and foremost are the Bias Incident Report Forms available to all students through the **Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Multicultural Education** which can be filed anonymously online at <http://odime.gmu.edu/bias-incident-report-form/>, as well as in person with ODIME staff. Students can also visit the **Office of International Programs and Services (OIPS)** at <http://oips.gmu.edu> for any concerns relating to immigration or other international concerns. The **Student Support and Advocacy Center (SSCA)** at <http://ssac.gmu.edu> and **Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)** at <http://caps.gmu.edu> are ready to offer assistance to those students who may be needing it.

As the representatives of the Student Body, we welcome any efforts by organizations or individuals to come speak with us and find a body willing to advocate for them. We welcome any ideas, suggestions, perspectives that will continue to make a difference.

As Student Government, as George Mason University students, as individuals on United States soil, we remember the words inscribed on the Statue of liberty: *“Give me your tired, your poor / Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free / The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. / Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me.”* This is an opportunity for us all to stand in support of these higher ideals, to welcome those whose only option of survival and pursuit of happiness comes by leaving all they know for a different world. As an institution priding itself on innovation, we can demand no less.

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