

## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ~ THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH~ STATEMENT OF OPINION

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Executive Order Immigration Policy – President Trump

This letter constitutes the professional opinion of the Executive Board of Undergraduate Student Government as it pertains to the Executive Order from President Trump regarding immigration.

Our first priority is the wellbeing of all students on Southern Illinois University's campus. Over the past several days we have heard from concerned students regarding President Trump's recent executive order to ban individuals from select countries. The members of the Executive Board share the fears of our fellow students and are committed to supporting those affected by this policy in any way that we can.

We will not tolerate, under any circumstance, acts of hate, discrimination or any action which may make a student feel unwelcome on our campus. Southern Illinois University has always strived to be an inclusive campus, and Undergraduate Student Government will be vigilant in representation of our students to ensure that this remains the case.

To our international students directly affected by this policy... You are not alone. Undergraduate Student Government will stand with you to ensure that you enjoy all of the same rights and freedoms that you deserve. We will be swift to condemn any action that restricts the experience that you expect from your institution.

We welcome all questions, concerns and comments to usgsiu@siu.edu or visit us in the Student Engagement Suite on the third floor of the Student Center. For legal assistance please contact the Department of Public Safety at 618-453-3771.

Sincerely,

The Executive Board of Undergraduate Student Government