

To the members of the Tufts international community:

Over the weekend, President Monaco issued a [statement](#) in support of international members of the Tufts Community in response to the Executive Order restricting immigration from seven countries: Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.

We write now with an important update for members of the Tufts international community who are directly affected by the Executive Order.

### **Update – Temporary Restraining Order**

On Sunday, the Massachusetts federal district court issued a temporary restraining order (TRO) that prevents the U.S. government from enforcing the Executive Order at Logan Airport. The TRO specifically instructs U.S. Customs and Border Protection to notify airlines that individuals flying through Logan Airport cannot be detained or returned solely on the basis of the Executive Order. The TRO for Logan Airport is in effect for the next 7 days.

### **New Guidance – Getting Back To Campus**

If you are a member of the Tufts international community who is directly impacted by the Executive Order (i.e., you have a valid visa or green card from one of the seven countries) and you are currently traveling outside the United States and wish to return to campus, we encourage you to fly back to Boston--directly to Logan Airport--as soon as possible, before February 4.

The University is helping affected members of our community who we know to be traveling, including connecting them to legal resources. We are aware of at least one postdoctoral scholar from the Tufts University School of Engineering who is unable to return to the United States at this time. We are in regular contact with that individual and are actively trying to assist him in returning to campus.

If you are from one of the seven countries, traveling outside the United States and are not already in touch with us, please reach out to Diana Chigas, Senior International Officer and Associate Provost ([diana.chigas@tufts.edu](mailto:diana.chigas@tufts.edu)).

### **Next Steps – Postpone Discretionary Travel**

Tufts University continues to advise those affected by the Executive Order to avoid discretionary travel during the 90-day ban (through April 30, 2017). Although the scope of the Executive Order has purportedly been narrowed to visa holders only, out of an abundance of caution, we recommend that green card holders from the seven affected countries also consider postponing any discretionary travel during the 90-day ban.

If you are traveling outside the United States on University-related business, we encourage you to use the Tufts travel registry located on the Tufts International Safety Operations [website](#).

We will be in touch with further updates as this situation develops.