

Title: **Resolution Opposing Current and Planned Federal Restrictions on International Students**

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WHEREAS, Former President Trump signed Executive Order 10043, which remains in effect [1]

WHEREAS, Executive Order 10043 prohibits students who received their undergraduate education at certain institutions in the People's Republic of China (PRC) from attending graduate schools in the United States

WHEREAS, this executive order has interrupted the education of some University of Washington graduate students and caused others to have their admissions offers deferred

WHEREAS, while premised on alleged national security benefits, this executive order is likely to be costly and lead to the loss of valuable research and intellectual property for US universities [2]

WHEREAS, the order allegedly targets institutions with connections to the armed forces of the PRC, but such institutions produce considerable research that is not connected to warfare WHEREAS, 9-15% of Chinese graduate student enrollment in U.S. schools will be affected, or 16-27% when looking at STEM programs, [3]

WHEREAS, Students in Pennsylvania [4], Massachusetts [5] and elsewhere have organized against this discriminatory policy,

WHEREAS, higher education associations have noted the potential impact on graduate student enrollment for the Fall 2021 academic term [6],

WHEREAS, the Biden administration plans to institute travel restrictions which will affect travelers who are fully vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2 by vaccines that are locally approved, but not on the FDA or WHO lists [7]

WHEREAS, this will target many recipients of vaccines that have completed large randomized Phase III clinical trials such as Covaxin and Sputnik [7]

WHEREAS, this will likely restrict travel for many international students who are fully vaccinated with the best vaccines available in their countries of origin

WHEREAS, many of the greatest scientific achievements of our era, such as smallpox eradication and the International Space Station, happened because of international collaboration, including between geopolitical adversaries,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:**

THAT, we oppose Executive Order 10043 and proposed travel restrictions against travelers fully vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2 which discriminate based on the vaccine they received,

THAT, we reiterate the need for an international student taskforce described in “RESOLUTION REGARDING THE FORMATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR TASK FORCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON” [8]

THAT, this resolution be forwarded to Representative Susan DelBene, Representative Pramila Jayapal, Representative Kim Schrier, Representative Adam Smith, Senator Maria Cantwell, Senator Patty Murray, Jung Pak, Ian Brownlee, C.S. Eliot Kang, and Matthew Lussenhop at the U.S. Department of State, University of Washington President, Board of Regents, Provost, Vice President of Student Life, Faculty Senate, ASUW Senate, FIUTS, CIRCLE, ISS, and ISO.

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