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On January 27, 2017, the President of the United States signed an Executive Order restricting people from seven countries from entering the United States. Details of this Executive Order are [online](#).

The effect of this Executive Order is in direct contradiction to the values we uphold in the library profession and at the University of Delaware Library.

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) and the Association of American University Presses (AAUP) issued a joint [statement](#) Monday, January 30, 2017, standing “unequivocally opposed to this immigration ban.” The American Alliance of Museums similarly issued a [statement](#) expressing their concern that the “executive order runs counter to [their] objectives.”

The University of Delaware Library (libraries, museums and press) remains committed to building and supporting a diverse community and supports the University’s goal of inclusive excellence. The Library supports and serves an international community that is richer for its diversity and strengthened by its commitment to justice.

Our library services, programs and spaces must remain available to all without fear of discrimination. We help our users navigate the world, irrespective of the reason for their visit to the Library, and we stand beside all our users in their quest for personal advancement, inquiry and knowledge creation.

We express our unambiguous support for all members of the University of Delaware community and to all who visit, work, teach and study here.