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Supreme Court Upheld Presidential Travel Ban

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On June 26, 2018, the Supreme Court upheld [Presidential Proclamation 9645](#) which imposed restrictions on the entry of citizens of eight countries into the United States (Chad was removed from the list in a [revised Proclamation](#) on April 10, 2018).

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) was one of the higher education associations that submitted an [amicus brief](#) in support of the state of Hawaii and in opposition to the Administration. Today, AASCU president Mildred Garcia issued a [statement](#) expressing regret about the Court's decision.

We believe the ban and the Court's ruling will continue to damage US standing overseas and further cement the perception that America is less welcoming to international students than it has historically been. The Proclamation – the third version of the travel ban – does include exceptions for international student and scholar visa categories for all but three of the countries listed (Syria, North Korea, and Somalia). In the case of Iranians, however, who represent the largest group of international students and scholars affected by this order, continued eligibility for “F,” “M,” and “J” visas will be conditioned upon unspecified “enhanced screening” which may serve as a de facto method of preventing their entry or re-entry into the United States.

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