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Office of the President

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Dear Members of the Upstate Community:

The Executive Order issued Friday by President Trump has caused uncertainty and concern for many at Upstate Medical University. It is therefore important for me to reiterate my firm commitment to a safe and inclusive environment for all students, other trainees, faculty and staff at our university.

At present, the university is working with SUNY and others to assess the impact the executive order may have on students, faculty and staff members across our campus and those working on our behalf in other countries.

I want to echo what has been stated by SUNY and let you know that the leadership at Upstate will do all it can that is within the law to support all members of our community who may be affected by the recent executive order.

As a campus, we are strongly committed to diversity, equity and inclusion. In fact, it is our richness of diversity that allows us to be humanistic, purposeful health professionals responsive to the needs of our urban, rural and indigenous, suburban and refugee populations, and the populations we serve in other countries.

SUNY has provided all campuses with a resource on what the changes in federal policies mean for students, faculty and staff. You can find the information here: <http://www.suny.edu/immigration/>

One recommendation for students from SUNY that I will pass along is to suspend travel plans to countries included in the executive order and to keep in contact with our Office of Student Affairs at 315-464-4816. The Office of Multicultural Affairs at 315-464-8855 is also a good resource for students.

Other important resources for guidance on this matter are the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at 315-464-5234; Human Resources at 464-4927; the Office of Graduate Medical Education at 315-464-8948 and the Office of the Registrar at 464-4604.

Please join me Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 11:30 a.m. in the Campus Activities Building, when we celebrate our rich history on the first day of Black History Month and reaffirm our commitment to a just society, treating each other with respect, and to a place of higher education that values openness and inclusion.

Sincerely,

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President, Upstate Medical University