To our international students and scholars from every corner of the globe:

**DRAFT EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND PENDING LEGISLATION**

You may have heard in the media about other draft (not final and not signed) Executive Orders that the White House is considering. The draft orders include sections that could impact H-1B visas and F-1 Practical Training benefits in the future after the drafting and approval of regulations. There are also bills being proposed in both the House of Representatives and Senate that could impact the H-1B visa process in the future. **However**, the process for regulations and bills to be passed is usually complicated and takes time. Many proposed regulations and bills never are passed or if they do, they are different than the original draft versions. To understand the rule-making process for regulations and the process for a bill to become a law in the U.S., you can read about it on the [USA.gov](http://www.usa.gov) website.

If there are any final Executive Orders signed or regulations passed that impact your current immigration status, ISSS will notify you as soon as possible.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE’S PROVISIONAL REVOCATION OF VISAS: IRAQ, IRAN, LIBYA, SOMALIA, SUDAN, SYRIA, & YEMEN**

With the release of President Trump’s executive order last Friday, you may have heard talk of the provisional “revocation” of the valid visas of nationals of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen as outlined in a recent [Department of State notice](http://www.state.gov). Again, no new executive order regarding visas has been signed.

Please note that the revocation of a visa stamp in one’s passport does NOT impact individuals while they are lawfully present in the U.S. If a visa is revoked or expires, individuals remain in valid non-immigrant status as long as all of their other immigration documents (for example, passport, I-20/ DS-2019 form, I-94 admission record) are valid and they have not violated their immigration status (for example, by working without authorization). For F and J students, scholars and dependents, your [I-94 admission record](http://www.dhs.gov) should be marked D/S for duration of status. You may remain in the U.S. for the duration of the F or J program as indicated on your I-20 form or DS-2019 form as long as you continue to maintain your non-immigrant status.

A visa stamp in the passport is required for an individual to request entry to the U.S. for a particular activity (e.g., individuals with F-1 visas are requesting entry to pursue academic studies). If an individual departs the U.S with an expired or revoked visa, one must apply for a new visa at a U.S. consulate abroad in order to reenter the U.S.

As we have previously informed you, individuals born in or having a passport from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria or Yemen should NOT travel outside of the U.S. as they will NOT be able to return to the U.S. for at least 90 days and possibly indefinitely. Individuals who are dual citizens of the U.S. and one of these countries or have U.S. lawful permanent residency (“a green card”) and were born in and/or hold citizenship from one of these countries, should consult with an immigration attorney before traveling outside of the U.S.

**QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION TONIGHT**
Just a quick reminder... ISSS will be hosting a Question & Answer (Q&A) Session and group discussion on the recent executive order, today, Wednesday, February 1, 2017 from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Aspen Rooms in the UMC. Please come join us to have your questions answered and share in our community discussion.

We want you to feel supported, safe and comfortable during your time at CU Boulder and in the U.S. Please know that if you need to talk or have any questions, our doors, ears and hearts are always open. The ISSS office is located in the Center for Community, S355 (3rd floor). We offer drop-in advising hours Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. You can also email us at isss@colorado.edu anytime.