January 31, 2017

Dear Rep. Lofgren:

On behalf of the University of California, thank you for your leadership in sponsoring H.R. 724, the Statue of Liberty Values (SOLVE) Act, legislation to rescind President Donald Trump's executive order that restricts individuals from certain countries from entering the U.S. The University is deeply troubled by the executive action and we support your efforts to ease the burden through passage of this legislation.

This issue is very concerning for the University of California. In fall 2016, UC's 10 campuses enrolled 495 graduate students and 40 undergraduate students from the countries included in the executive order. The executive order restricts the ability of our students, faculty, staff and other members of the UC community from being able to study, teach and conduct research – the fundamentals that make up the core of our mission as a public research institution.

As the legislative process continues, we urge you to take immediate action to ensure that this legislation is passed into law. If there is anything the University can do to assist in your efforts, please contact me at Gary.Falle@ucdc.edu or 202-974-6319.

Sincerely,

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