

Dear Colleagues,

The Orthopaedic Research Society strongly opposes the executive order “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States”, which bans citizens from seven countries from entering the United States. We believe that the consequences of this order will greatly impact the free and unrestricted scientific exchange that is vital to our mission of advancing musculoskeletal research worldwide. The ORS will work with scientific partners across our nation to overturn this executive order.

As the leading musculoskeletal research community, representing more than 3,500 members from 68 countries, we ask that Congress overturn this order to ensure the continued international exchange and collaborations that are the essence of all scientific discoveries and breakthroughs that aim to improve patient care in the United States and across the globe.

To date, we have learned that several colleagues are not able to travel to the ORS 2017 Annual Meeting because of this order, many of whom had already obtained the necessary travel visa and undergone the rigorous approval process. Not only does this travel ban affect those who are not able to attend, but it negatively impacts our entire scientific community. If your attendance at the ORS Annual Meeting is affected by this ban, please contact our office at ors@ors.org.

Together, we will move forward.



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On behalf of the ORS Board of Directors

About the Orthopaedic Research Society

The ORS is a not for profit organization to promote research in orthopaedic surgery and musculoskeletal disease. The ORS committed to the full and equitable participation of a diverse scientific community in its membership, activities, and governance. Diversity and inclusion play an integral role in achieving our mission to advance orthopaedic research worldwide and are essential to our core values of scientific excellence and integrity, innovation, collaboration, and partnership that together define the Society, its vision, and its membership. For more information, visit www.ors.org.