Dear University of Southern California Graduate Students,

We are writing to express our support and solidarity for our fellow international graduate students from the People’s Republic of China (PRC) in response to the recent proclamation released by the White House on the suspension of F and J Visa entry of students and researchers from the PRC. The statements and actions of the current administration not only immediately impact many members of our community, but contribute to ongoing racist, xenophobic, and anti-immigrant rhetoric and policies that we do not condone. GSG (Graduate Student Government) denounces targeted discrimination, and continues to stand in full support of Chinese graduate students and their friends and family, who have felt alienated, attacked, or unsafe by these actions and the current climate of our nation.

GSG is proud to represent a diverse and brilliant group of graduate students from across the globe, each bringing unique experiences that contribute to the dynamic learning environment on campus. USC is a global community of academic learning and scholarship strengthened by diversity and united in our solidarity with international scholars and researchers regardless of their country of origin, area of research, or prior educational backgrounds.

GSG remains steadfast in our commitment to advocate for international graduate students and will continue the tradition of celebrating the global diversity that our inclusive institution embodies. Please know that we are in constant contact with USC Administration and Senior Leadership to discuss tangible actions we can take to protect our international community. GSG

1 https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-suspension-entry-nonimmigrants-certain-students-researchers-peoples-republic-china/
is also connecting with other student government organizations both state-wide and nationally to band together on issues such as these that affect graduate students across the nation.

To our fellow Trojans from the People’s Republic of China, we are here for you. You are a welcome and important part of our community. Please know that there are resources available to you and all members of our community who need support during these challenging and uncertain times. A list of relevant resources can be found below. Additionally, our Executive Board members and website are always available to you as sources of support and advocacy - you are not alone. If you would like us to advocate for more specific resources that are not listed below, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In solidarity,

Graduate Student Government Executive Board, 2020-2021
Undergraduate Student Government Executive Cabinet, 2020-2021

USC Resources:

- **Free Legal Counseling:** The legal counseling service provided by USG and GSG has officially been extended and appointments can now be made over the summer. The form to request appointments is found [here](#).
- **USC Gould Immigrant Legal Assistance Center (ILAC):** ILAC provides free, confidential consultations, legal assistance, and referrals to members of the USC Trojan Family, students, staff members, contract employees, faculty and family members, who may be at risk of deportation, who may be eligible to apply for immigration status, or who have questions about their legal status and legal rights under the immigration laws.
- **Office of International Services** (OIS): OIS staff is available to answer questions about Visas and re-entry.
- **Let’s Talk:** International Student Edition: Let’s Talk is a weekly drop-in opportunity to spend 30 minutes with a clinician from USC Counseling & Mental Health. In addition to English, session therapists are fluent in Mandarin Chinese, Cantonese and Korean.
- **USC Student Health:** Students still have access to mental health counseling resources, even as classes have moved online. These resources are listed [here](#).
- USC prohibits any type of discrimination and harassment. In the event you witness or are subject to discriminatory acts, please report these to the university by contacting the Office of Equity and Diversity, or by submitting a Public CARE Report (USC’s optionally anonymous platform).
- USC Student Affairs has a number of additional campus resources through which any student, faculty, or staff can seek support.