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Dear Program Director,

We at the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) recognize the uncertainty that you and some of your residents may be experiencing as a result of the recent Executive Order restricting travel and immigration from certain countries, and the legal challenges to that order.

Whatever the outcome of this or any other federal and/or state policies that impact you and your trainees, we want to assure you that the ABP will continue to advocate for international medical graduates affected. Please [notify us](#) if you become aware of issues that could have a negative impact on your residents' training or certification. We will work with you and your resident to try to minimize anxiety and determine a path to meet the requirements for certification.

We share your dedication to improving health outcomes for children, adolescents, and young adults. We want to help minimize the impact of policies that could have serious health consequences on the well-being of children and their families. Likewise, we are extremely concerned about the impact of this uncertainty on the bright, gifted pediatricians from the affected countries who are in training here, and want to assure you that we are ready to help in any way we can.

Many other boards, organizations and individuals also are responding to this Executive Order. Together, we will make our voice heard in support of international residents and physicians.

Please let us know how we can help and support you and your residents.

Sincerely,

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